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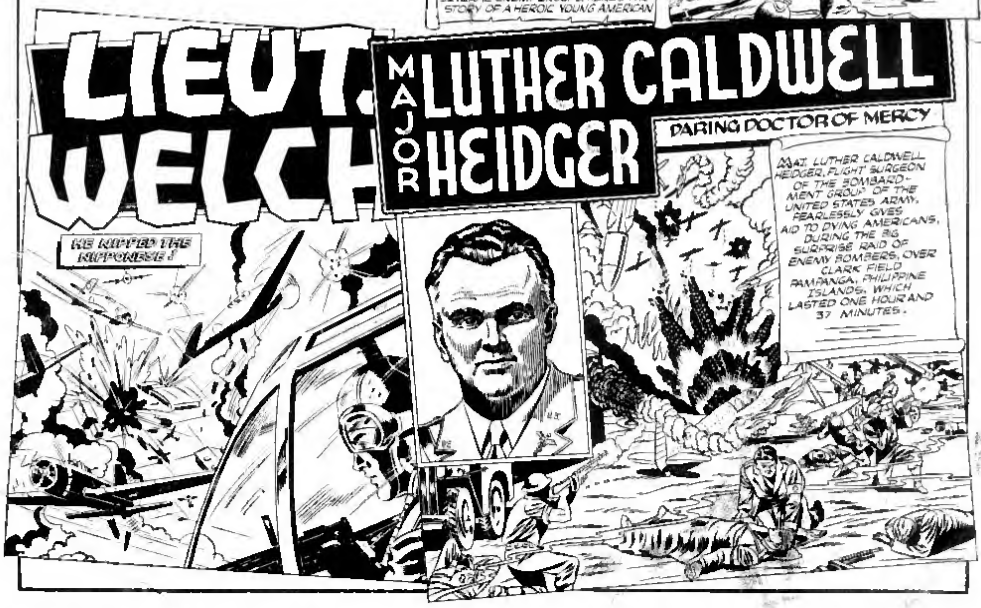
BATAAN'S BATTLING WEST POINTER
LIEUT. "SANDY" NININGER
ALTHOUGH WOUNDED THREE TIMES IN ACTION, NEAR ABUCAY, BATAAN, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, JAN. 12, 1942, LIEUT. ALEXANDER R. ("SANDY") NININGER, JR., OF FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., FORCED HIS WAY THROUGH HEAVY GUNFIRE AND DESTROYED SEVERAL ENEMY GROUPS. HERE'S THE STORY OF A HEROIC YOUNG AMERICAN


LIEUT. WELCH
HE RIPPED THE JAPANESE!
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LUTHER CALDWELL
DARING DOCTOR OF MERCY
MAJ. LUTHER CALDWELL HEDGER, FLIGHT SURGEON OF THE BOMBARDMENT GROUP OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, FEARLESSLY GIVES AID TO DYING AMERICANS, DURING THE BIG SURPRISE RAID OF ENEMY BOMBERS, OVER CLARK FIELD PAMPANGA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, WHICH LASTED ONE HOUR AND 37 MINUTES.

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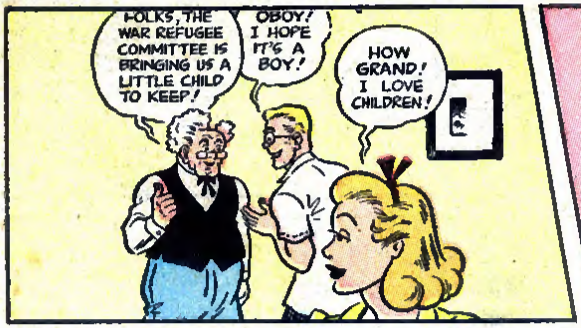
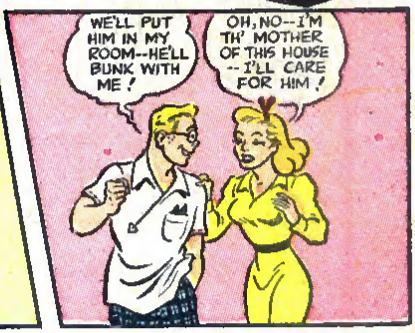
SPARKY WATTS

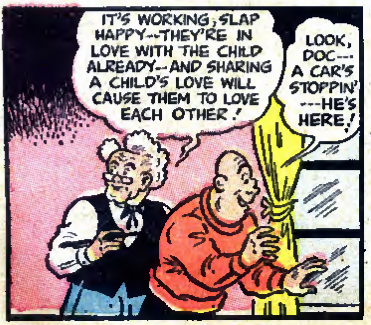
by BOODY ROGERS

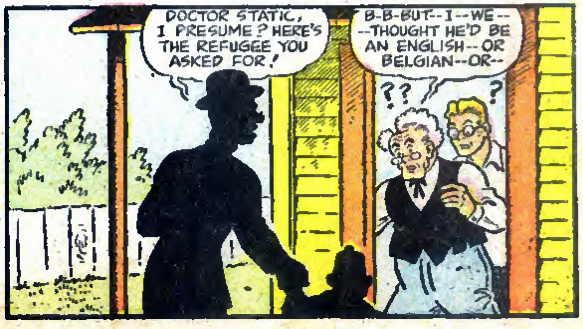
DOCTOR STATIC--DOES YOU MEAN DAT GADGET WILL MAKE A MAN STRONGER DAN A ELEPHANT!?
YES, JUBILEE--THIS IS A COSMIC RAY MACHINE--AND ANYONE WHO ABSORBS ITS RAYS WILL HAVE UNLIMITED SPEED AND STRENGTH!

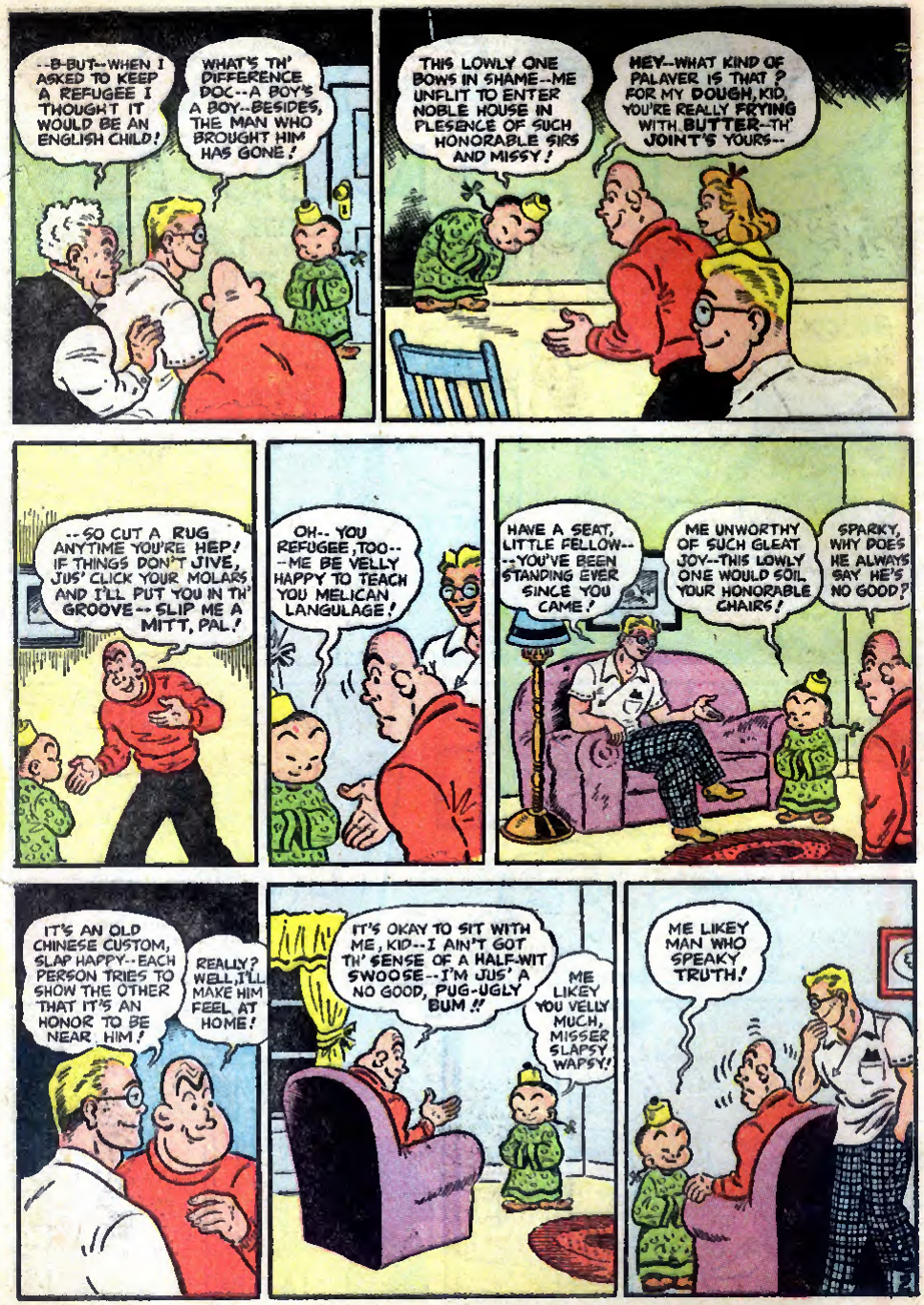
SPARKY WATTS CONSENTED TO BE CHARGED--AND LATER, TESTING HIS SPEED IN A ONE HUNDRED YARD DASH AT APPLEDALE, NEW YORK, RAN SO FAST HE COULDN'T STOP UNTIL HE REACHED GRAPEFRUIT, FLORIDA--

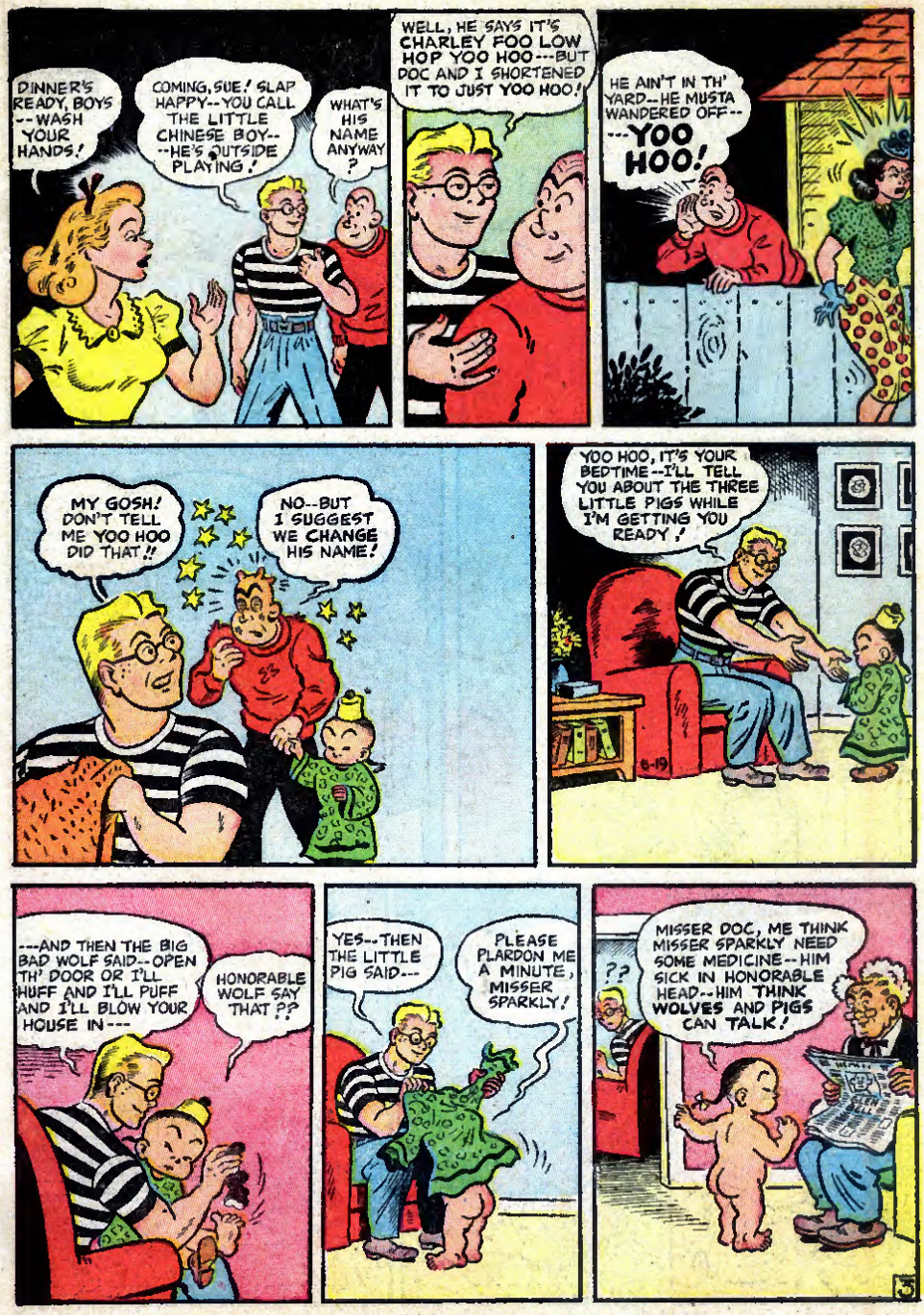





IT'S WORKING, SLAP HAPPY--THEY'RE IN LOVE WITH THE CHILD ALREADY--AND SHARING A CHILD'S LOVE WILL CAUSE THEM TO LOVE EACH OTHER!
LOOK, DOC--A CAR'S STOPPIN' ---HE'S HERE!




--B-BUT--WHEN I ASKED TO KEEP A REFUGEE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE AN ENGLISH CHILD!
WHAT'S TH' DIFFERENCE DOC--A BOY'S A BOY--BESIDES, THE MAN WHO BROUGHT HIM HAS GONE!
THIS LOWLY ONE BOWS IN SHAME--ME UNFLIT TO ENTER NOBLE HOUSE IN PLESENCE OF SUCH HONORABLE SIRS AND MISSY!
HEY--WHAT KIND OF PALAVER IS THAT? FOR MY DOUGH, KID, YOU'RE REALLY FRYING WITH BUTTER--TH' JOINT'S YOURS--
--SO CUT A RUG ANYTIME YOU'RE HEP! IF THINGS DON'T JIVE, JUS' CLICK YOUR MOLARS AND I'LL PUT YOU IN TH' GROOVE-- SLIP ME A MITT, PAL!
OH-- YOU REFUGEE, TOO-- --ME BE VELLY HAPPY TO TEACH YOU MELICAN LANGULAGE!
HAVE A SEAT, LITTLE FELLOW-- --YOU'VE BEEN STANDING EVER SINCE YOU CAME!
ME UNWORTHY OF SUCH GLEAT JOY--THIS LOWLY ONE WOULD SOIL YOUR HONORABLE CHAIRS!
SPARKY, WHY DOES HE ALWAYS SAY HE'S NO GOOD?
IT'S AN OLD CHINESE CUSTOM, SLAP HAPPY--EACH PERSON TRIES TO SHOW THE OTHER THAT IT'S AN HONOR TO BE NEAR HIM!
REALLY? WELL, I'LL MAKE HIM FEEL AT HOME!
IT'S OKAY TO SIT WITH ME, KID--I AIN'T GOT TH' SENSE OF A HALF-WIT SWOOSE--I'M JUS' A NO GOOD, PUG-UGLY BUM!!
ME LIKEY YOU VELLY MUCH, MISSER SLAPSY WAPSY!
ME LIKEY MAN WHO SPEAKY TRU'TH!


DINNER'S READY, BOYS --WASH YOUR HANDS!
COMING, SUE! SLAP HAPPY--YOU CALL THE LITTLE CHINESE BOY--HE'S OUTSIDE PLAYING!
WHAT'S HIS NAME ANYWAY?
WELL, HE SAYS IT'S CHARLEY FOO LOW HOP YOO HOO---BUT DOC AND I SHORTENED IT TO JUST YOO HOO!
HE AIN'T IN TH' YARD--HE MUSTA WANDERED OFF--
---YOO HOO!
MY GOSH! DON'T TELL ME YOO HOO DID THAT!!
NO--BUT I SUGGEST WE CHANGE HIS NAME!
YOO HOO, IT'S YOUR BEDTIME--I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THE THREE LITTLE PIGS WHILE I'M GETTING YOU READY!
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---AND THEN THE BIG BAD WOLF SAID--OPEN TH' DOOR OR I'LL HUFF AND I'LL PUFF AND I'LL BLOW YOUR HOUSE IN---
HONORABLE WOLF SAY THAT??
YES--THEN THE LITTLE PIG SAID---
PLEASE PLARDON ME A MINUTE, MISSER SPARKLY!
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MISSER DOC, ME THINK MISSER SPARKLY NEED SOME MEDICINE--HIM SICK IN HONORABLE HEAD--HIM THINK WOLVES AND PIGS CAN TALK!
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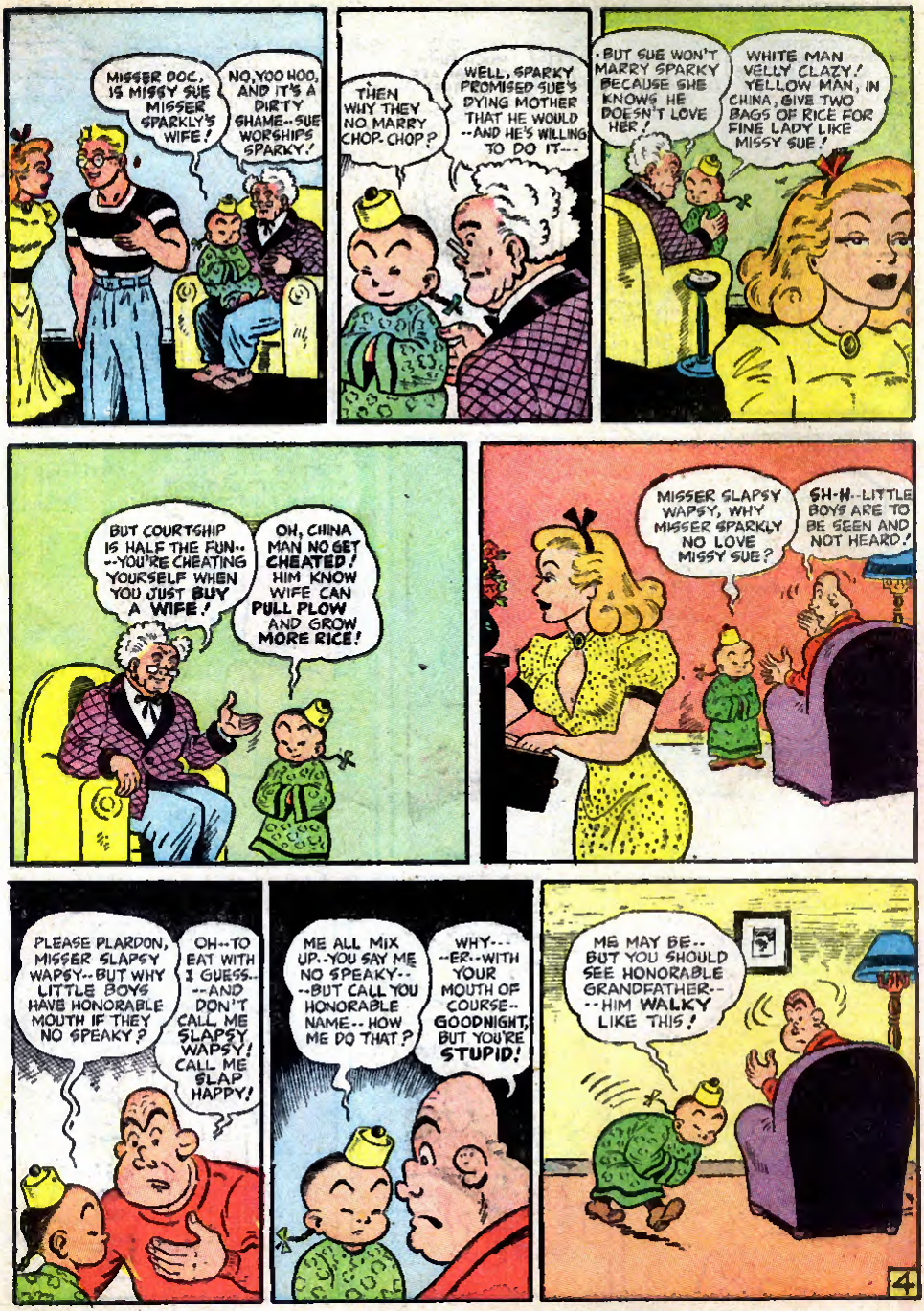
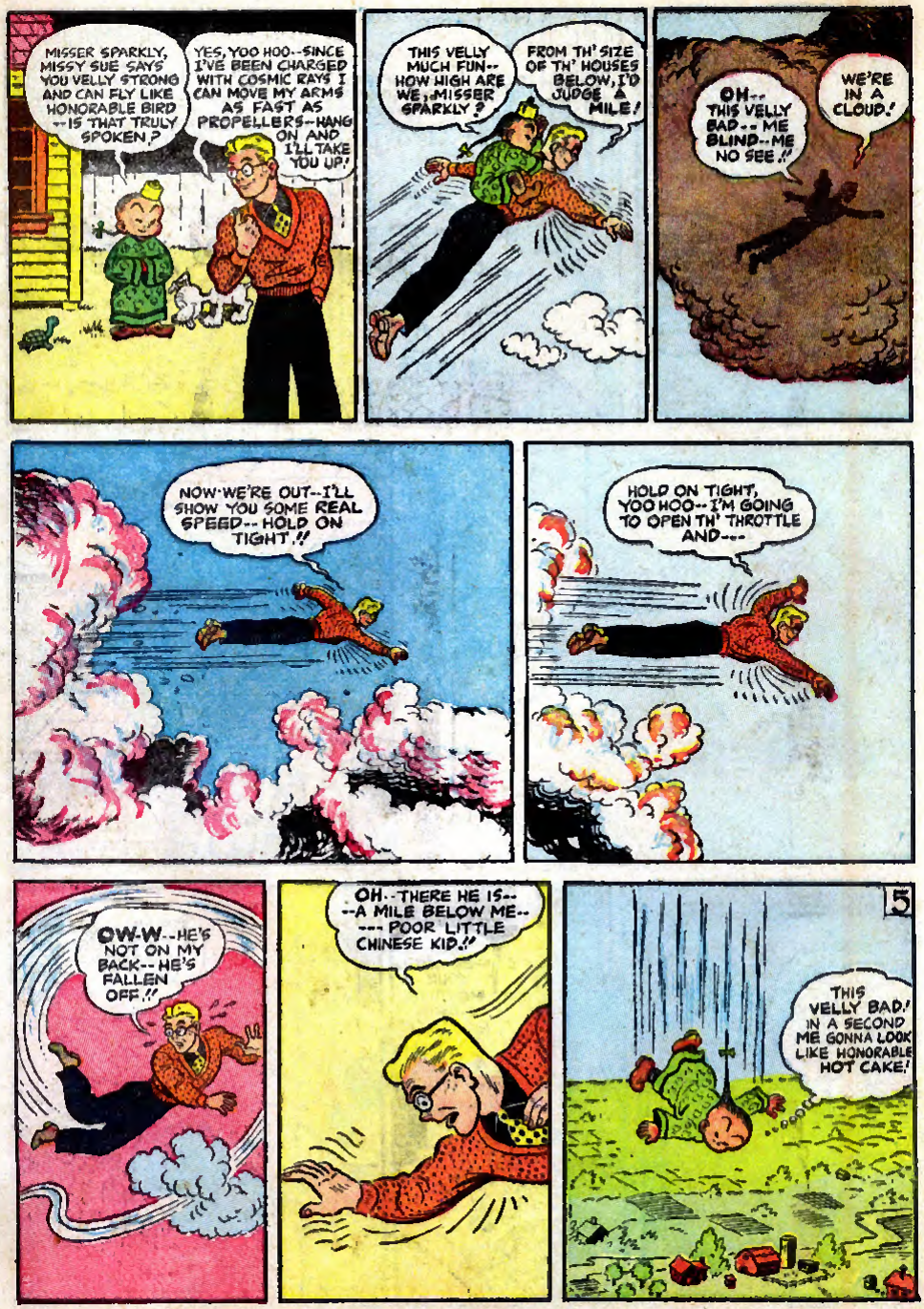

MISSER DOC, IS MISSY SUE MISSER SPARKLY'S WIFE!
NO, YOO HOO, AND IT'S A DIRTY SHAME--SUE WORSHIPS SPARKY!
THEN WHY THEY NO MARRY CHOP-CHOP?
WELL, SPARKY PROMISED SUE'S DYING MOTHER THAT HE WOULD --AND HE'S WILLING TO DO IT---
BUT SUE WON'T MARRY SPARKY BECAUSE SHE KNOWS HE DOESN'T LOVE HER!
WHITE MAN VELLY CLAZY! YELLOW MAN, IN CHINA, GIVE TWO BAGS OF RICE FOR FINE LADY LIKE MISSY SUE!
BUT COURTSHIP IS HALF THE FUN-- --YOU'RE CHEATING YOURSELF WHEN YOU JUST BUY A WIFE!
OH, CHINA MAN NO GET CHEATED! HIM KNOW WIFE CAN PULL PLOW AND GROW MORE RICE!
MISSER SLAPSY WAPSY, WHY MISSER SPARKLY NO LOVE MISSY SUE?
SH-H--LITTLE BOYS ARE TO BE SEEN AND NOT HEARD!
PLEASE PLARDON, MISSER SLAPSY WAPSY--BUT WHY LITTLE BOYS HAVE HONORABLE MOUTH IF THEY NO SPEAKY?
OH--TO EAT WITH I GUESS-- --AND DON'T CALL ME SLAPSY WAPSY! CALL ME SLAP HAPPY!
ME ALL MIX UP--YOU SAY ME NO SPEAKY-- --BUT CALL YOU HONORABLE NAME-- HOW ME DO THAT?
WHY--- --ER--WITH YOUR MOUTH OF COURSE-- GOODNIGHT, BUT YOU'RE STUPID!
ME MAY BE-- BUT YOU SHOULD SEE HONORABLE GRANDFATHER-- --HIM WALKY LIKE THIS!


MISSER SPARKLY, MISSY SUE SAYS YOU VELLY STRONG AND CAN FLY LIKE HONORABLE BIRD --IS THAT TRULY SPOKEN,?
YES, YOO HOO--SINCE I'VE BEEN CHARGED WITH COSMIC RAYS I CAN MOVE MY ARMS AS FAST AS PROPELLERS--HANG ON AND I'LL TAKE YOU UP!
THIS VELLY MUCH FUN--HOW HIGH ARE WE, MISSER SPARKLY?
FROM TH' SIZE OF TH' HOUSES BELOW, I'D JUDGE A MILE!
OH-- THIS VELLY BAD-- ME BLIND--ME NO SEE!!
WE'RE IN A CLOUD!
NOW WE'RE OUT--I'LL SHOW YOU SOME REAL SPEED-- HOLD ON TIGHT!!
HOLD ON TIGHT, YOO HOO-- I'M GOING TO OPEN TH' THROTTLE AND---
OW-W--HE'S NOT ON MY BACK-- HE'S FALLEN OFF!!
OH--THERE HE IS-- --A MILE BELOW ME-- --- POOR LITTLE CHINESE KID!!
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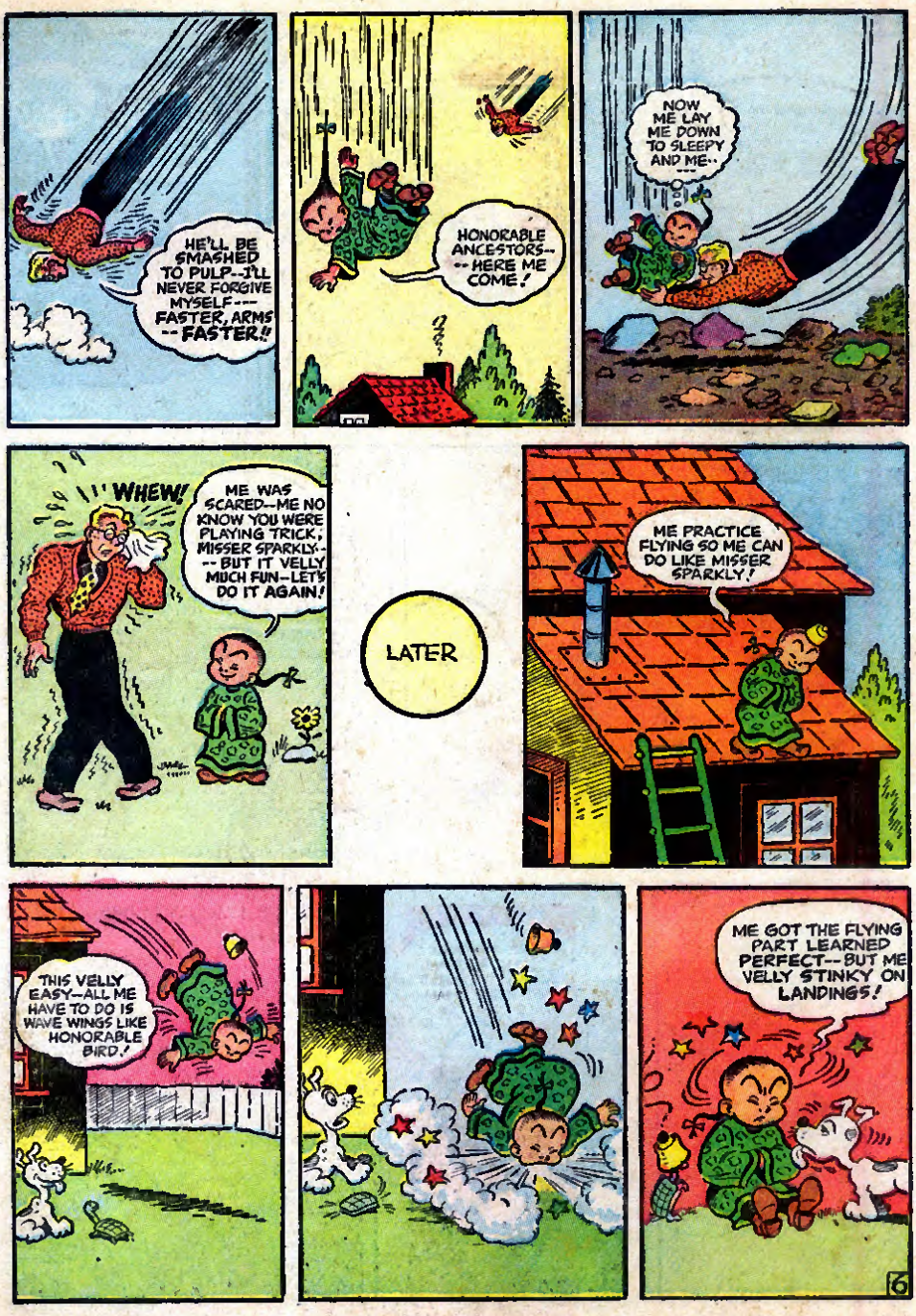
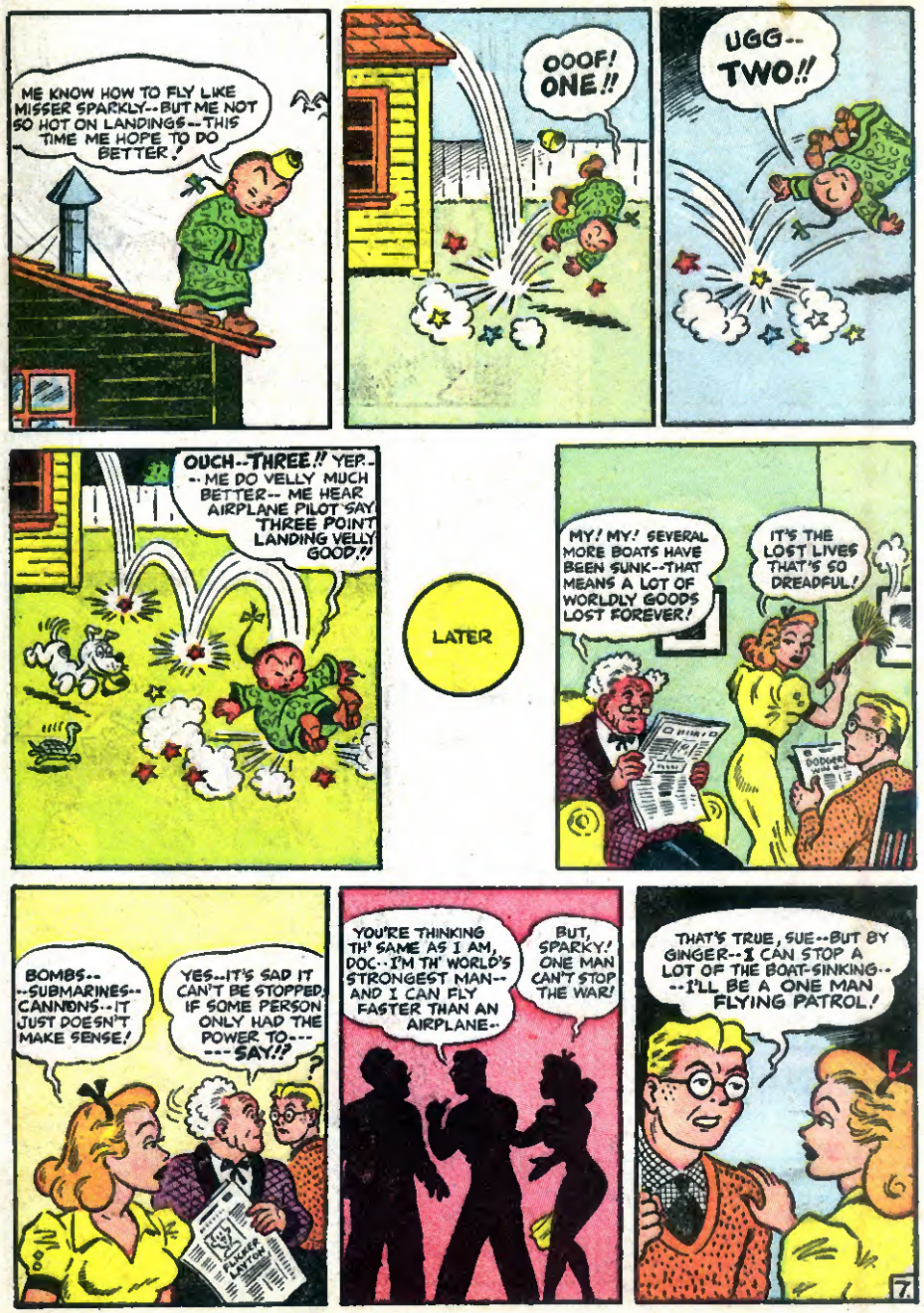
THIS VELLY BAD! IN A SECOND ME GONNA LOOK LIKE HONORABLE HOT CAKE!


HE'LL BE SMASHED TO PULP--I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF--- FASTER, ARMS --FASTER!!
HONORABLE ANCESTORS-- --HERE ME COME!
NOW ME LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEPY AND ME..
WHEW!
ME WAS SCARED--ME NO KNOW YOU WERE PLAYING TRICK, MISSER SPARKLY--- --BUT IT VELLY MUCH FUN--LET'S DO IT AGAIN!
LATER
ME PRACTICE FLYING SO ME CAN DO LIKE MISSER SPARKLY!
THIS VELLY EASY--ALL ME HAVE TO DO IS WAVE WINGS LIKE HONORABLE BIRD!
ME GOT THE FLYING PART LEARNED PERFECT--BUT ME VELLY STINKY ON LANDINGS!


ME KNOW HOW TO FLY LIKE MISSER SPARKLY--BUT ME NOT SO HOT ON LANDINGS--THIS TIME ME HOPE TO DO BETTER!
OOOF! ONE!!
UGG-- TWO!!
OUCH--THREE!! YEP.--ME DO VELLY MUCH BETTER-- ME HEAR AIRPLANE PILOT SAY THREE POINT LANDING VELLY GOOD!!
LATER
MY! MY! SEVERAL MORE BOATS HAVE BEEN SUNK--THAT MEANS A LOT OF WORLDLY GOODS LOST FOREVER!
IT'S THE LOST LIVES THAT'S SO DREADFUL!
BOMBS--SUBMARINES--CANNONS--IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!
YES--IT'S SAD IT CAN'T BE STOPPED IF SOME PERSON ONLY HAD THE POWER TO---SAY!?
YOU'RE THINKING TH' SAME AS I AM, DOC--I'M TH' WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN--AND I CAN FLY FASTER THAN AN AIRPLANE--
BUT, SPARKY! ONE MAN CAN'T STOP THE WAR!
THAT'S TRUE, SUE--BUT BY GINGER--I CAN STOP A LOT OF THE BOAT-SINKING--I'LL BE A ONE MAN FLYING PATROL!
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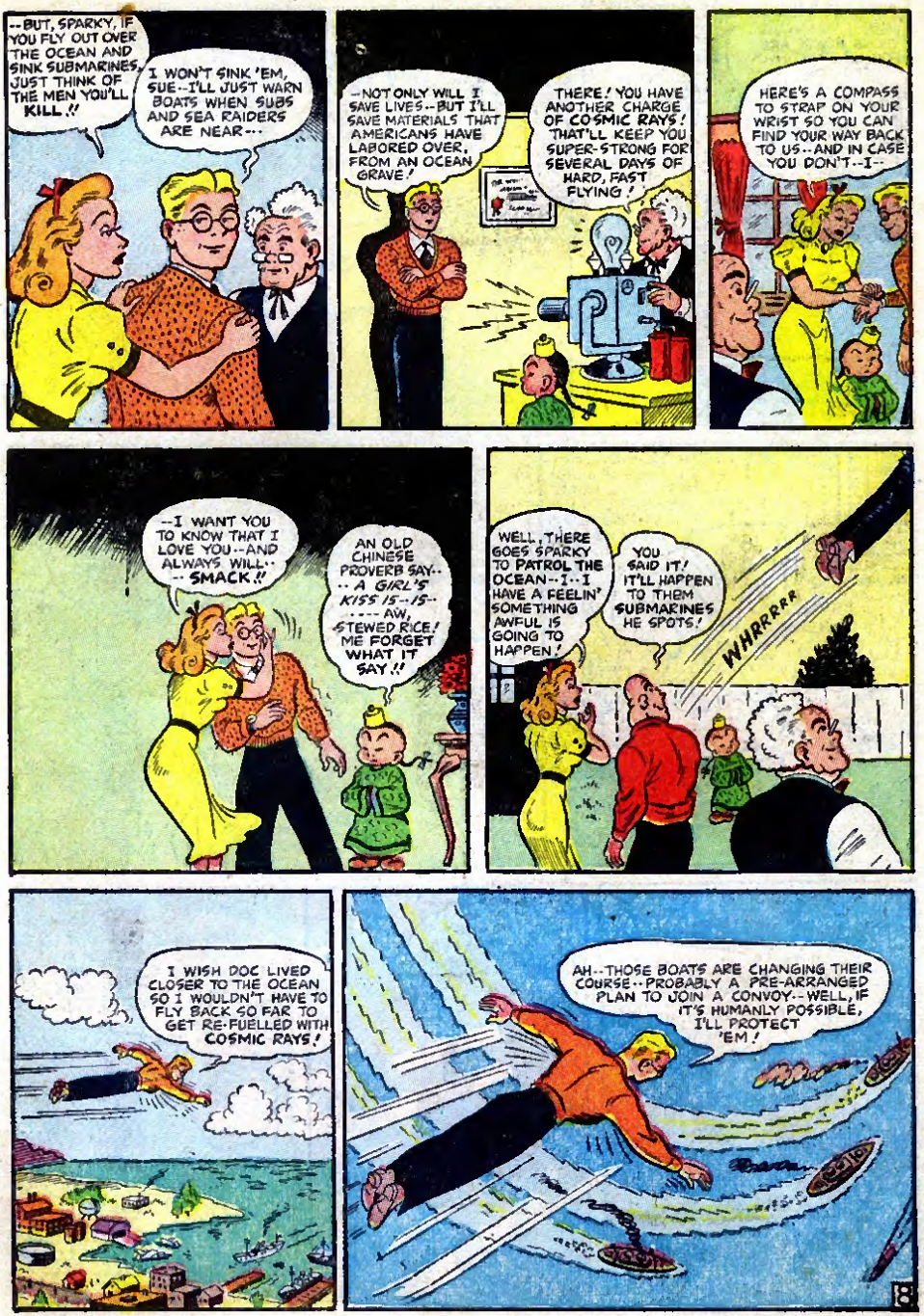
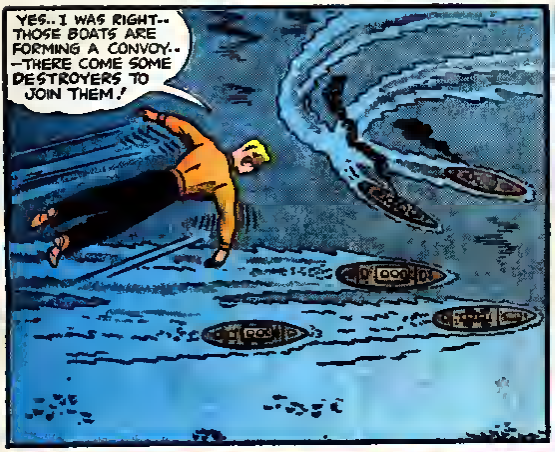
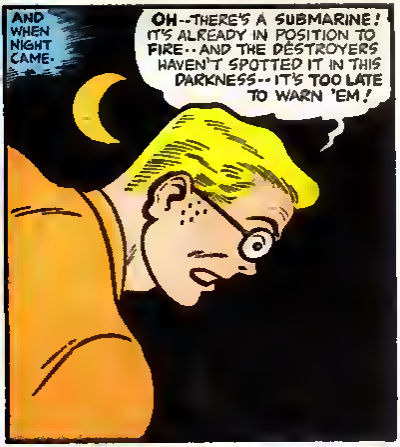
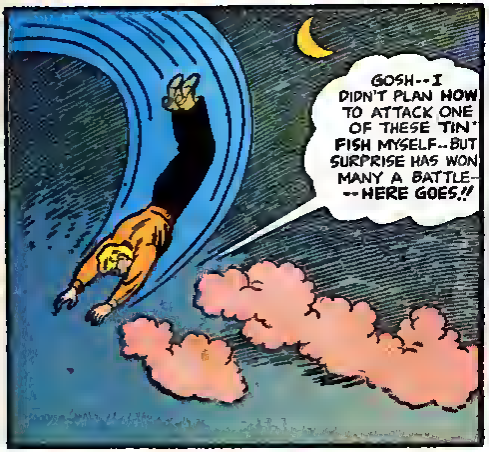
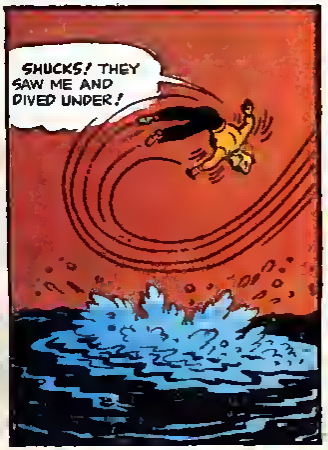

--BUT, SPARKY, IF YOU FLY OUT OVER THE OCEAN AND SINK SUBMARINES, JUST THINK OF THE MEN YOU'LL KILL !!
I WON'T SINK 'EM, SUE--I'LL JUST WARN BOATS WHEN SUBS AND SEA RAIDERS ARE NEAR---
--NOT ONLY WILL I SAVE LIVES--BUT I'LL SAVE MATERIALS THAT AMERICANS HAVE LABORED OVER, FROM AN OCEAN GRAVE!
THERE! YOU HAVE ANOTHER CHARGE OF COSMIC RAYS! THAT'LL KEEP YOU SUPER-STRONG FOR SEVERAL DAYS OF HARD, FAST FLYING!
HERE'S A COMPASS TO STRAP ON YOUR WRIST SO YOU CAN FIND YOUR WAY BACK TO US--AND IN CASE YOU DON'T--I--
--I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU--AND ALWAYS WILL-- --SMACK!!
AN OLD CHINESE PROVERB SAY-- -- A GIRL'S KISS IS--IS---- AW, STEWED RICE! ME FORGET WHAT IT SAY!!
WELL, THERE GOES SPARKY TO PATROL THE OCEAN--I--I HAVE A FEELIN' SOMETHING AWFUL IS GOING TO HAPPEN!
YOU SAID IT! IT'LL HAPPEN TO THEM SUBMARINES HE SPOTS!
WHRRRRR
I WISH DOC LIVED CLOSER TO THE OCEAN SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO FLY BACK SO FAR TO GET RE-FUELLED WITH COSMIC RAYS!
AH--THOSE BOATS ARE CHANGING THEIR COURSE--PROBABLY A PRE-ARRANGED PLAN TO JOIN A CONVOY--WELL, IF IT'S HUMANLY POSSIBLE, I'LL PROTECT 'EM!

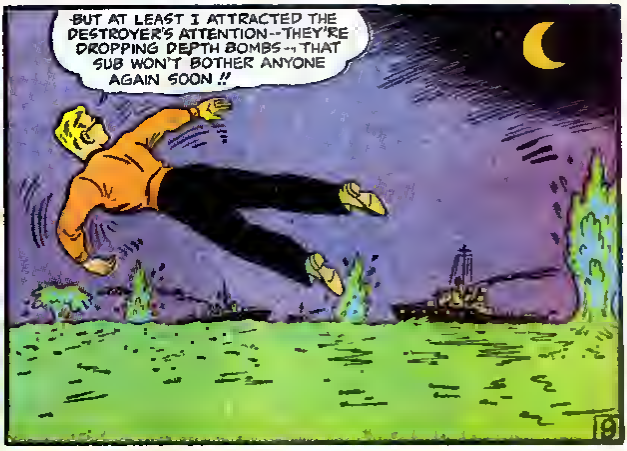

YES..I WAS RIGHT--THOSE BOATS ARE FORMING A CONVOY..--THERE COME SOME DESTROYERS TO JOIN THEM.!

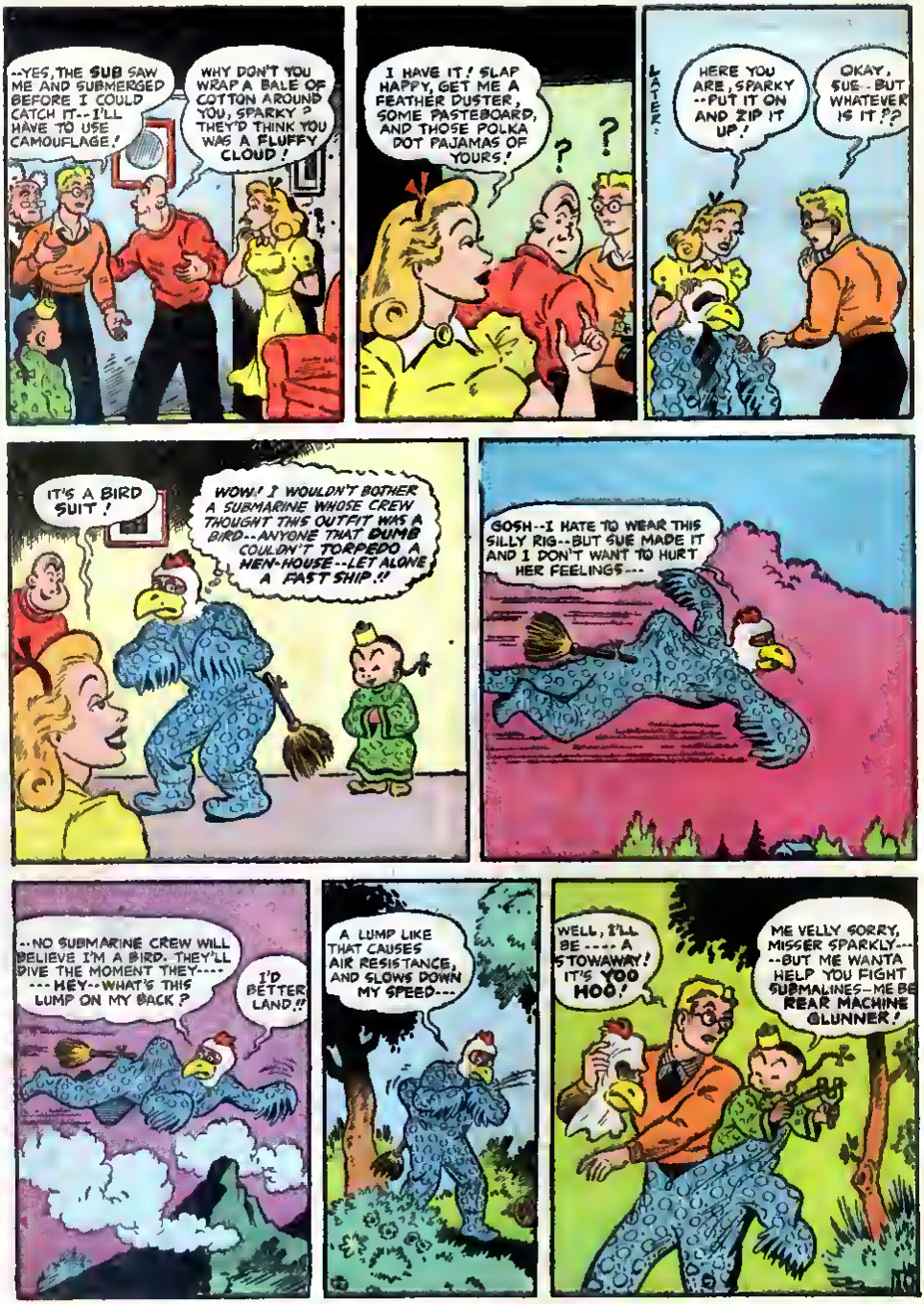

AND WHEN NIGHT CAME-
OH--THERE'S A SUBMARINE! IT'S ALREADY IN POSITION TO FIRE..AND THE DESTROYERS HAVEN'T SPOTTED IT IN THIS DARKNESS--IT'S TOO LATE TO WARN 'EM.!

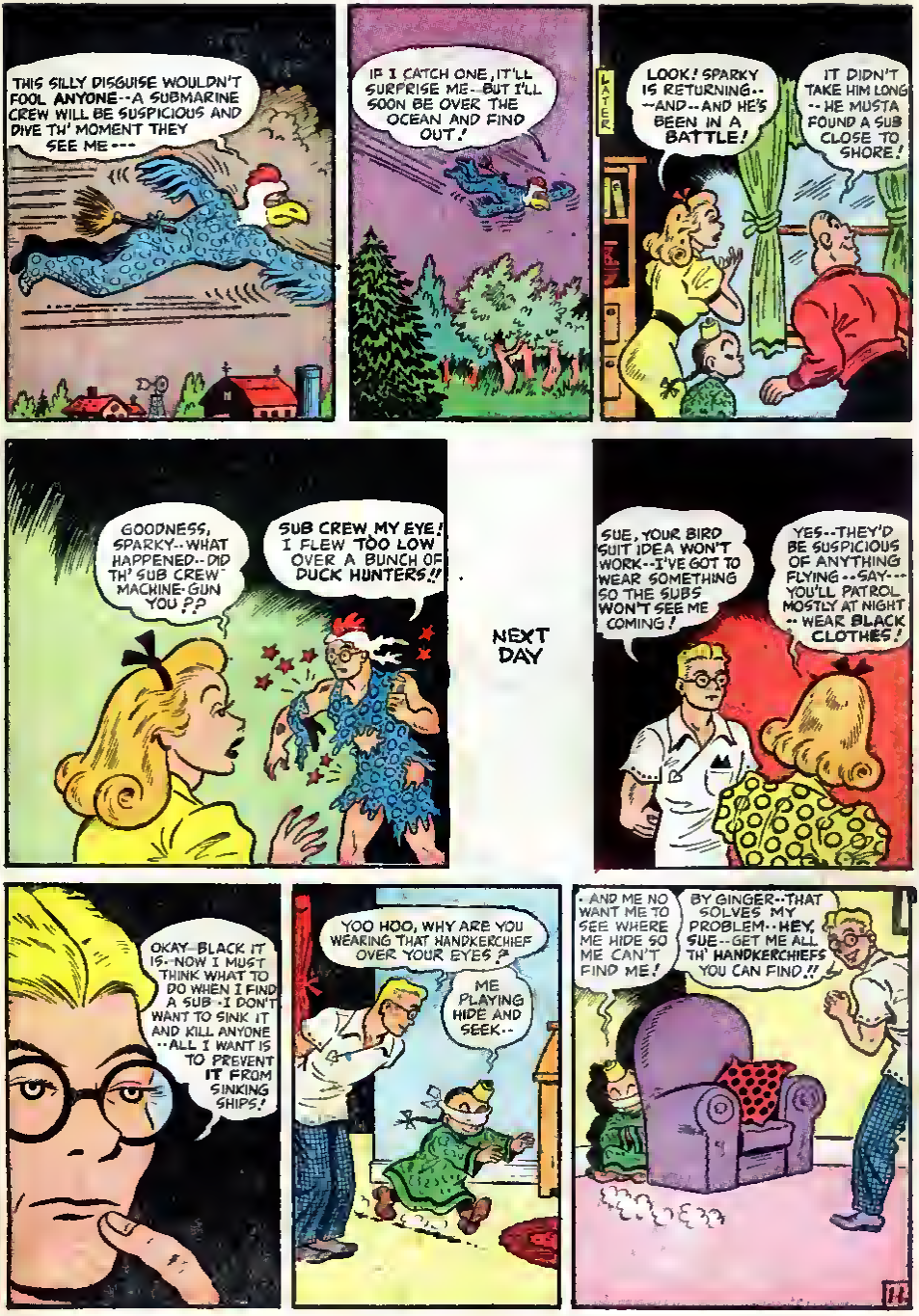

GOSH--I DIDN'T PLAN HOW TO ATTACK ONE OF THESE "TIN" FISH MYSELF--BUT SURPRISE HAS WON MANY A BATTLE--HERE GOES!!

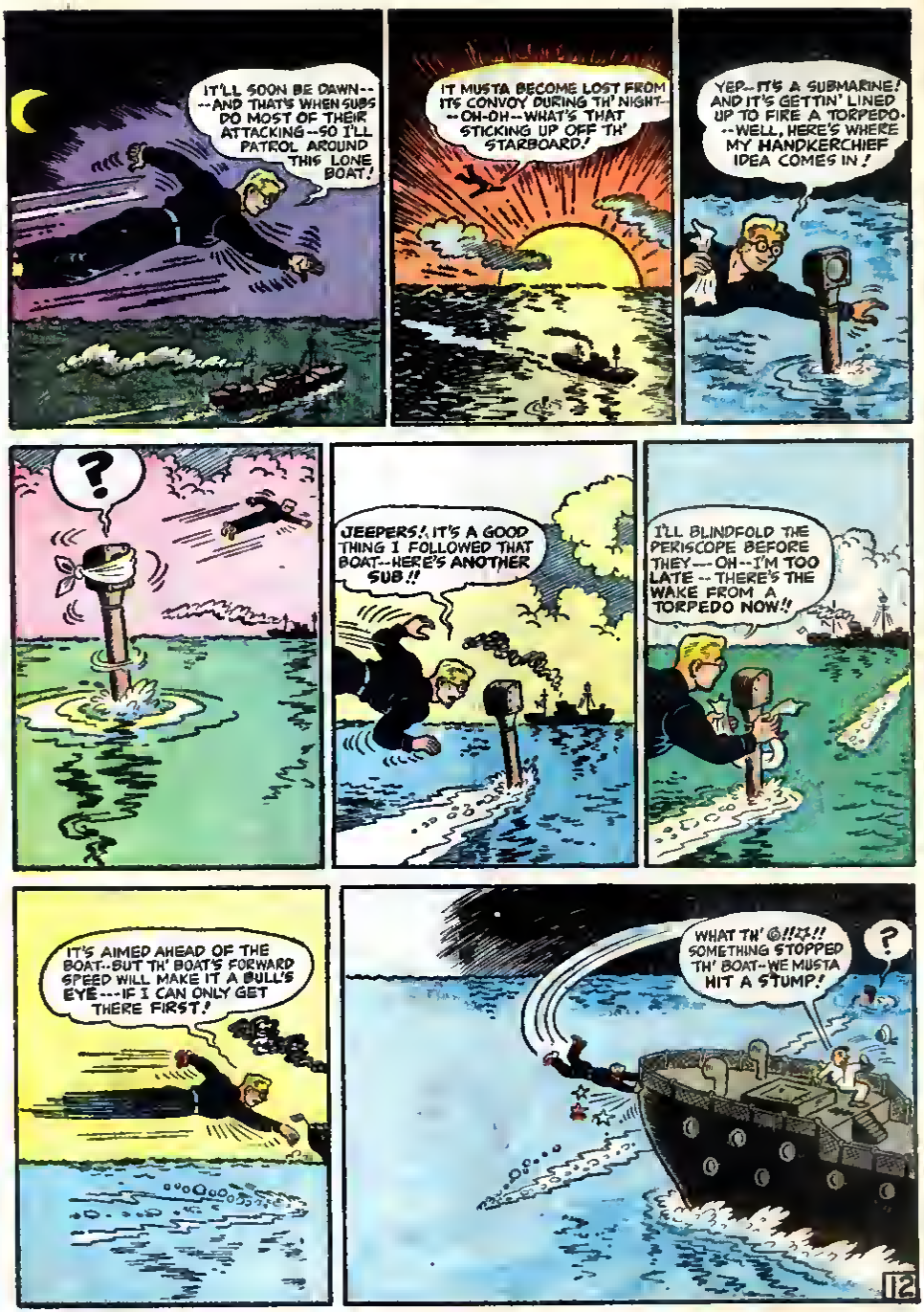
CAPTAIN--LOOK! COMING DOWN AFTER US!!
WELL FOR--IT LOOKS LIKE A MAN--BUT IT CAN'T BE--MUST BE A NEW TYPE PLANE---QUICK! CRASH DIVE!!


SHUCKS! THEY SAW ME AND DIVED UNDER!


BUT AT LEAST I ATTRACTED THE DESTROYER'S ATTENTION--THEY'RE DROPPING DEPTH BOMBS--THAT SUB WON'T BOTHER ANYONE AGAIN SOON!!


--YES, THE SUB SAW ME AND SUBMERGED BEFORE I COULD CATCH IT--I'LL HAVE TO USE CAMOUFLAGE!
WHY DON'T YOU WRAP A BALE OF COTTON AROUND YOU, SPARKY? THEY'D THINK YOU WAS A FLUFFY CLOUD!
I HAVE IT! SLAP HAPPY, GET ME A FEATHER DUSTER, SOME PASTEBOARD, AND THOSE POLKA DOT PAJAMAS OF YOURS!
? ?
LATER:
HERE YOU ARE, SPARKY --PUT IT ON AND ZIP IT UP!
OKAY, SUE--BUT WHATEVER IS IT?
IT'S A BIRD SUIT!
WOW! I WOULDN'T BOTHER A SUBMARINE WHOSE CREW THOUGHT THIS OUTFIT WAS A BIRD--ANYONE THAT DUMB COULDN'T TORPEDO A HEN-HOUSE--LET ALONE A FAST SHIP!!
GOSH--I HATE TO WEAR THIS SILLY RIG--BUT SUE MADE IT AND I DON'T WANT TO HURT HER FEELINGS---
--NO SUBMARINE CREW WILL BELIEVE I'M A BIRD. THEY'LL DIVE THE MOMENT THEY---- --- HEY--WHAT'S THIS LUMP ON MY BACK?
I'D BETTER LAND!!
A LUMP LIKE THAT CAUSES AIR RESISTANCE, AND SLOWS DOWN MY SPEED---
WELL, I'LL BE ---- A STOWAWAY! IT'S YOO HOO!
ME VELLY SORRY, MISSER SPARKLY--- --BUT ME WANTA HELP YOU FIGHT SUBMALINES--ME BE REAR MACHINE @LUNNER!


THIS SILLY DISGUISE WOULDN'T FOOL ANYONE--A SUBMARINE CREW WILL BE SUSPICIOUS AND DIVE TH' MOMENT THEY SEE ME---
IF I CATCH ONE, IT'LL SURPRISE ME--BUT I'LL SOON BE OVER THE OCEAN AND FIND OUT!
LATER
LOOK! SPARKY IS RETURNING--AND--AND HE'S BEEN IN A BATTLE!
IT DIDN'T TAKE HIM LONG--HE MUSTA FOUND A SUB CLOSE TO SHORE!
GOODNESS, SPARKY--WHAT HAPPENED--DID TH' SUB CREW MACHINE-GUN YOU??
SUB CREW MY EYE! I FLEW TOO LOW OVER A BUNCH OF DUCK HUNTERS!!
NEXT DAY
SUE, YOUR BIRD SUIT IDEA WON'T WORK--I'VE GOT TO WEAR SOMETHING SO THE SUBS WON'T SEE ME COMING!
YES--THEY'D BE SUSPICIOUS OF ANYTHING FLYING--SAY--YOU'LL PATROL MOSTLY AT NIGHT--WEAR BLACK CLOTHES!
OKAY--BLACK IT IS--NOW I MUST THINK WHAT TO DO WHEN I FIND A SUB--I DON'T WANT TO SINK IT AND KILL ANYONE--ALL I WANT IS TO PREVENT IT FROM SINKING SHIPS!
YOO HOO, WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT HANDKERCHIEF OVER YOUR EYES?
ME PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK--
--AND ME NO WANT ME TO SEE WHERE ME HIDE SO ME CAN'T FIND ME!
BY GINGER--THAT SOLVES MY PROBLEM--HEY, SUE--GET ME ALL TH' HANDKERCHIEFS YOU CAN FIND!!


IT'LL SOON BE DAWN--
--AND THAT'S WHEN SUBS DO MOST OF THEIR ATTACKING--SO I'LL PATROL AROUND THIS LONE BOAT!
IT MUSTA BECOME LOST FROM ITS CONVOY DURING TH' NIGHT--
--OH-OH--WHAT'S THAT STICKING UP OFF TH' STARBOARD!
YEP--IT'S A SUBMARINE! AND IT'S GETTIN' LINED UP TO FIRE A TORPEDO--WELL, HERE'S WHERE MY HANDKERCHIEF IDEA COMES IN!
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JEEPERS! IT'S A GOOD THING I FOLLOWED THAT BOAT--HERE'S ANOTHER SUB!!
I'LL BLINDFOLD THE PERISCOPE BEFORE THEY--OH--I'M TOO LATE--THERE'S THE WAKE FROM A TORPEDO NOW!!
IT'S AIMED AHEAD OF THE BOAT--BUT TH' BOAT'S FORWARD SPEED WILL MAKE IT A BULL'S EYE--IF I CAN ONLY GET THERE FIRST!
WHAT TH' ©!!%!! SOMETHING STOPPED TH' BOAT--WE MUSTA HIT A STUMP!
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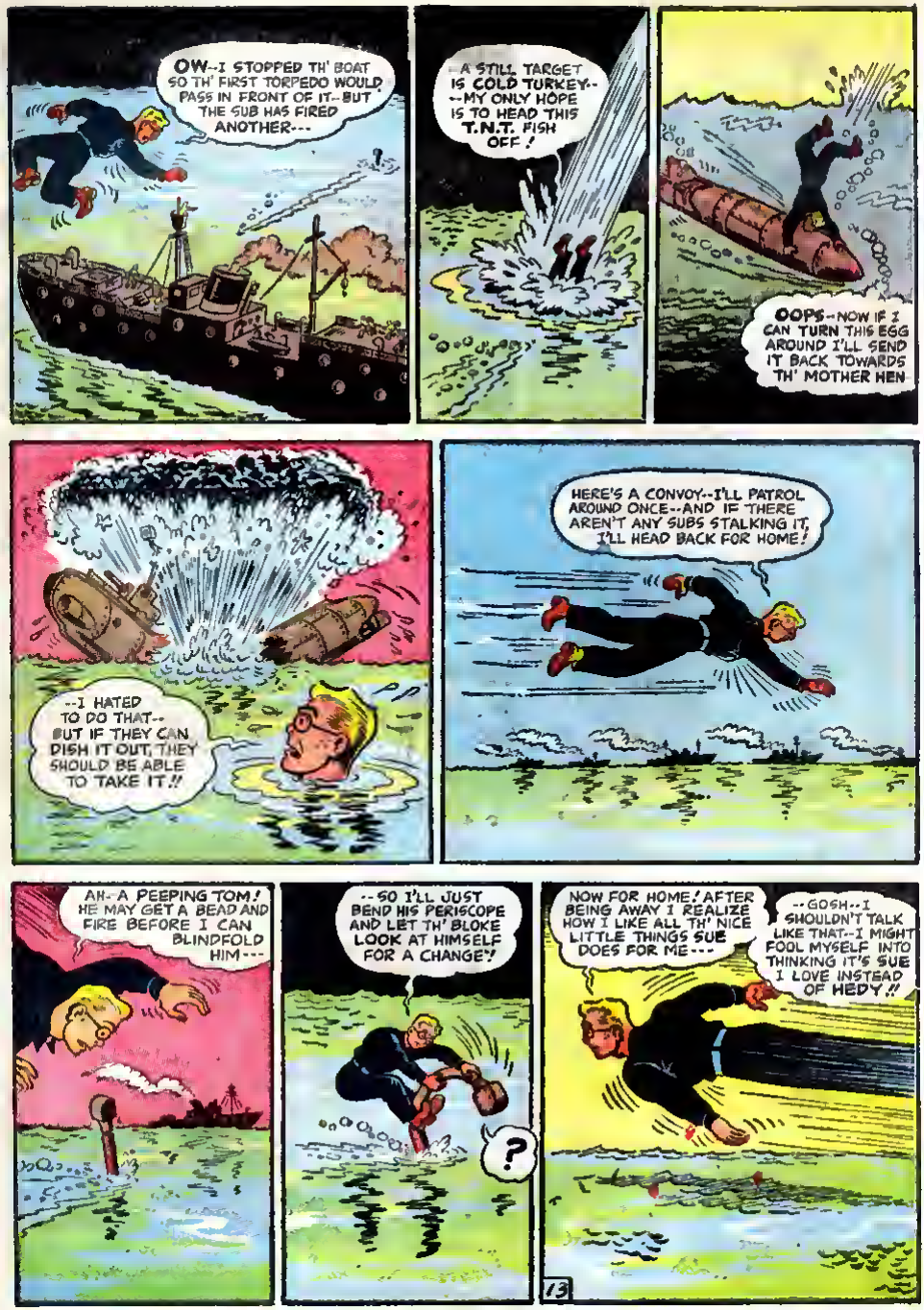
OW--I STOPPED TH' BOAT SO TH' FIRST TORPEDO WOULD PASS IN FRONT OF IT--BUT THE SUB HAS FIRED ANOTHER---
A STILL TARGET IS COLD TURKEY--MY ONLY HOPE IS TO HEAD THIS T.N.T. FISH OFF!
OOPS--NOW IF I CAN TURN THIS EGG AROUND I'LL SEND IT BACK TOWARDS TH' MOTHER HEN
--I HATED TO DO THAT--BUT IF THEY CAN DISH IT OUT, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE IT!!
HERE'S A CONVOY--I'LL PATROL AROUND ONCE--AND IF THERE AREN'T ANY SUBS STALKING IT, I'LL HEAD BACK FOR HOME!
AH--A PEEPING TOM! HE MAY GET A BEAD AND FIRE BEFORE I CAN BLINDFOLD HIM---
--SO I'LL JUST BEND HIS PERISCOPE AND LET TH' BLOKE LOOK AT HIMSELF FOR A CHANGE!
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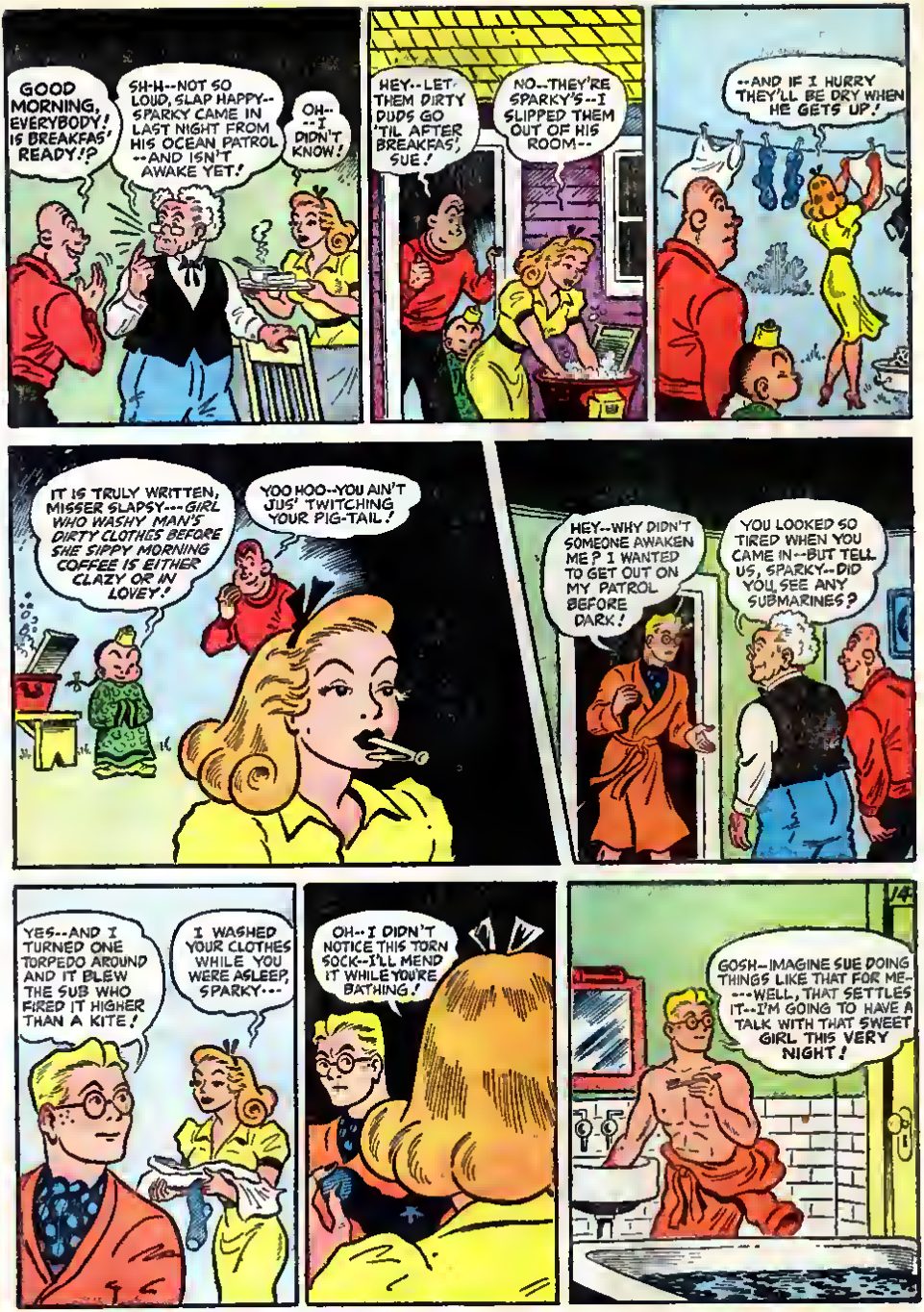
NOW FOR HOME! AFTER BEING AWAY I REALIZE HOW I LIKE ALL TH' NICE LITTLE THINGS SUE DOES FOR ME---
--GOSH--I SHOULDN'T TALK LIKE THAT--I MIGHT FOOL MYSELF INTO THINKING IT'S SUE I LOVE INSTEAD OF HEDY!!


GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY! IS BREAKFAS' READY!?
SH-H--NOT SO LOUD, SLAP HAPPY--SPARKY CAME IN LAST NIGHT FROM HIS OCEAN PATROL --AND ISN'T AWAKE YET!
OH--I DIDN'T KNOW!
HEY--LET THEM DIRTY DUDS GO 'TIL AFTER BREAKFAS', SUE!
NO--THEY'RE SPARKY'S--I SLIPPED THEM OUT OF HIS ROOM--
--AND IF I HURRY THEY'LL BE DRY WHEN HE GETS UP!
IT IS TRULY WRITTEN, MISSER SLAPSY--GIRL WHO WASHY MAN'S DIRTY CLOTHES BEFORE SHE SIPPY MORNING COFFEE IS EITHER CLAZY OR IN LOVEY!
YOO HOO--YOU AIN'T JUS' TWITCHING YOUR PIG-TAIL!
HEY--WHY DIDN'T SOMEONE AWAKEN ME? I WANTED TO GET OUT ON MY PATROL BEFORE DARK!
YOU LOOKED SO TIRED WHEN YOU CAME IN--BUT TELL US, SPARKY--DID YOU SEE ANY SUBMARINES?
YES--AND I TURNED ONE TORPEDO AROUND AND IT BLEW THE SUB WHO FIRED IT HIGHER THAN A KITE!
I WASHED YOUR CLOTHES WHILE YOU WERE ASLEEP, SPARKY--
OH--I DIDN'T NOTICE THIS TORN SOCK--I'LL MEND IT WHILE YOU'RE BATHING!
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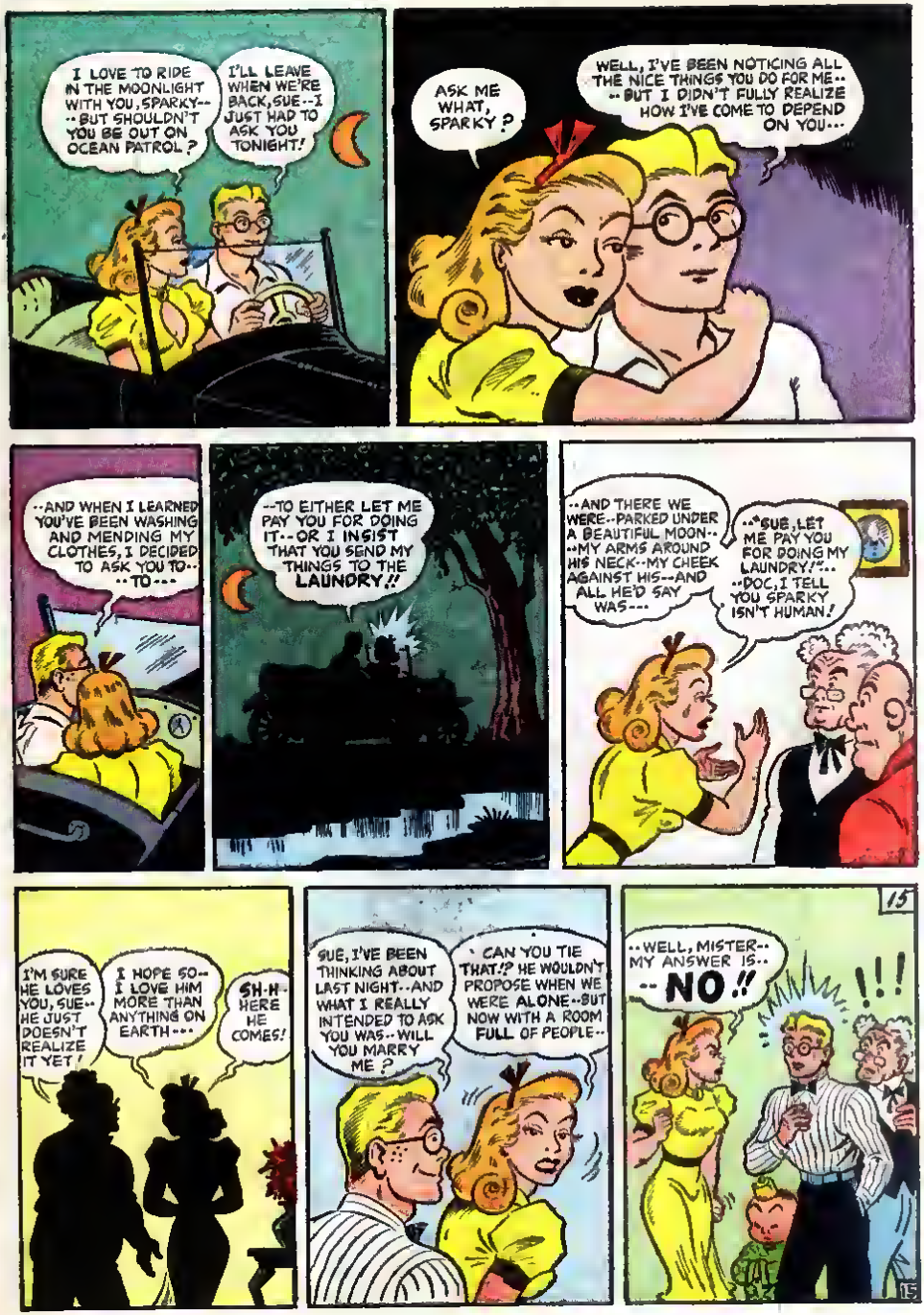
GOSH--IMAGINE SUE DOING THINGS LIKE THAT FOR ME--WELL, THAT SETTLES IT--I'M GOING TO HAVE A TALK WITH THAT SWEET GIRL THIS VERY NIGHT!


I LOVE TO RIDE IN THE MOONLIGHT WITH YOU, SPARKY--..BUT SHOULDN'T YOU BE OUT ON OCEAN PATROL?
I'LL LEAVE WHEN WE'RE BACK, SUE--I JUST HAD TO ASK YOU TONIGHT!
ASK ME WHAT, SPARKY?
WELL, I'VE BEEN NOTICING ALL THE NICE THINGS YOU DO FOR ME..--BUT I DIDN'T FULLY REALIZE HOW I'VE COME TO DEPEND ON YOU...
..AND WHEN I LEARNED YOU'VE BEEN WASHING AND MENDING MY CLOTHES, I DECIDED TO ASK YOU TO..--..TO---
--TO EITHER LET ME PAY YOU FOR DOING IT--OR I INSIST THAT YOU SEND MY THINGS TO THE LAUNDRY!!
..AND THERE WE WERE--PARKED UNDER A BEAUTIFUL MOON..--..MY ARMS AROUND HIS NECK--MY CHEEK AGAINST HIS--AND ALL HE'D SAY WAS---
..."SUE, LET ME PAY YOU FOR DOING MY LAUNDRY!"...--..POOR, I TELL YOU SPARKY ISN'T HUMAN!
I'M SURE HE LOVES YOU, SUE..--HE JUST DOESN'T REALIZE IT YET!
I HOPE SO--I LOVE HIM MORE THAN ANYTHING ON EARTH...
SH-H-HERE HE COMES!
SUE, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT LAST NIGHT--AND WHAT I REALLY INTENDED TO ASK YOU WAS--WILL YOU MARRY ME?
CAN YOU TIE THAT!? HE WOULDN'T PROPOSE WHEN WE WERE ALONE--BUT NOW WITH A ROOM FULL OF PEOPLE--
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..WELL, MISTER--MY ANSWER IS..--NO!!
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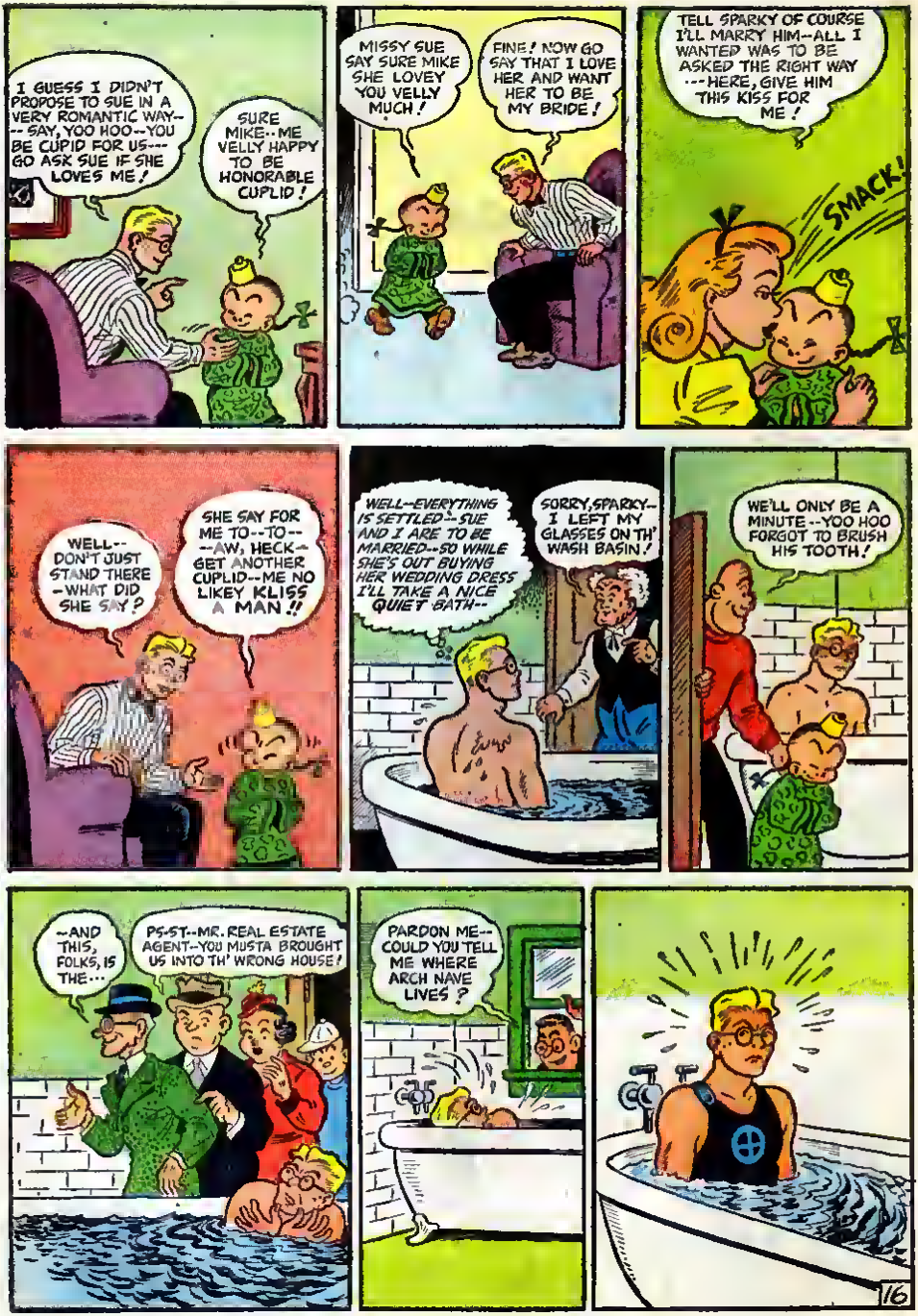
I GUESS I DIDN'T PROPOSE TO SUE IN A VERY ROMANTIC WAY-- -- SAY, YOO HOO--YOU BE CUPID FOR US--- GO ASK SUE IF SHE LOVES ME!
SURE MIKE--ME VELLY HAPPY TO BE HONORABLE CUPLID!
MISSY SUE SAY SURE MIKE SHE LOVEY YOU VELLY MUCH!
FINE! NOW GO SAY THAT I LOVE HER AND WANT HER TO BE MY BRIDE!
TELL SPARKY OF COURSE I'LL MARRY HIM--ALL I WANTED WAS TO BE ASKED THE RIGHT WAY ---HERE, GIVE HIM THIS KISS FOR ME!
SMACK!
WELL-- DON'T JUST STAND THERE --WHAT DID SHE SAY?
SHE SAY FOR ME TO--TO-- --AW, HECK- GET ANOTHER CUPLID--ME NO LIKEY KLISS A MAN!!
WELL--EVERYTHING IS SETTLED--SUE AND I ARE TO BE MARRIED--SO WHILE SHE'S OUT BUYING HER WEDDING DRESS I'LL TAKE A NICE QUIET BATH--
SORRY, SPARKY-- I LEFT MY GLASSES ON TH' WASH BASIN!
WE'LL ONLY BE A MINUTE --YOO HOO FORGOT TO BRUSH HIS TOOTH!
--AND THIS, FOLKS, IS THE···
PS-ST--MR. REAL ESTATE AGENT--YOU MUSTA BROUGHT US INTO TH' WRONG HOUSE!
PARDON ME-- COULD YOU TELL ME WHERE ARCH NAVE LIVES?
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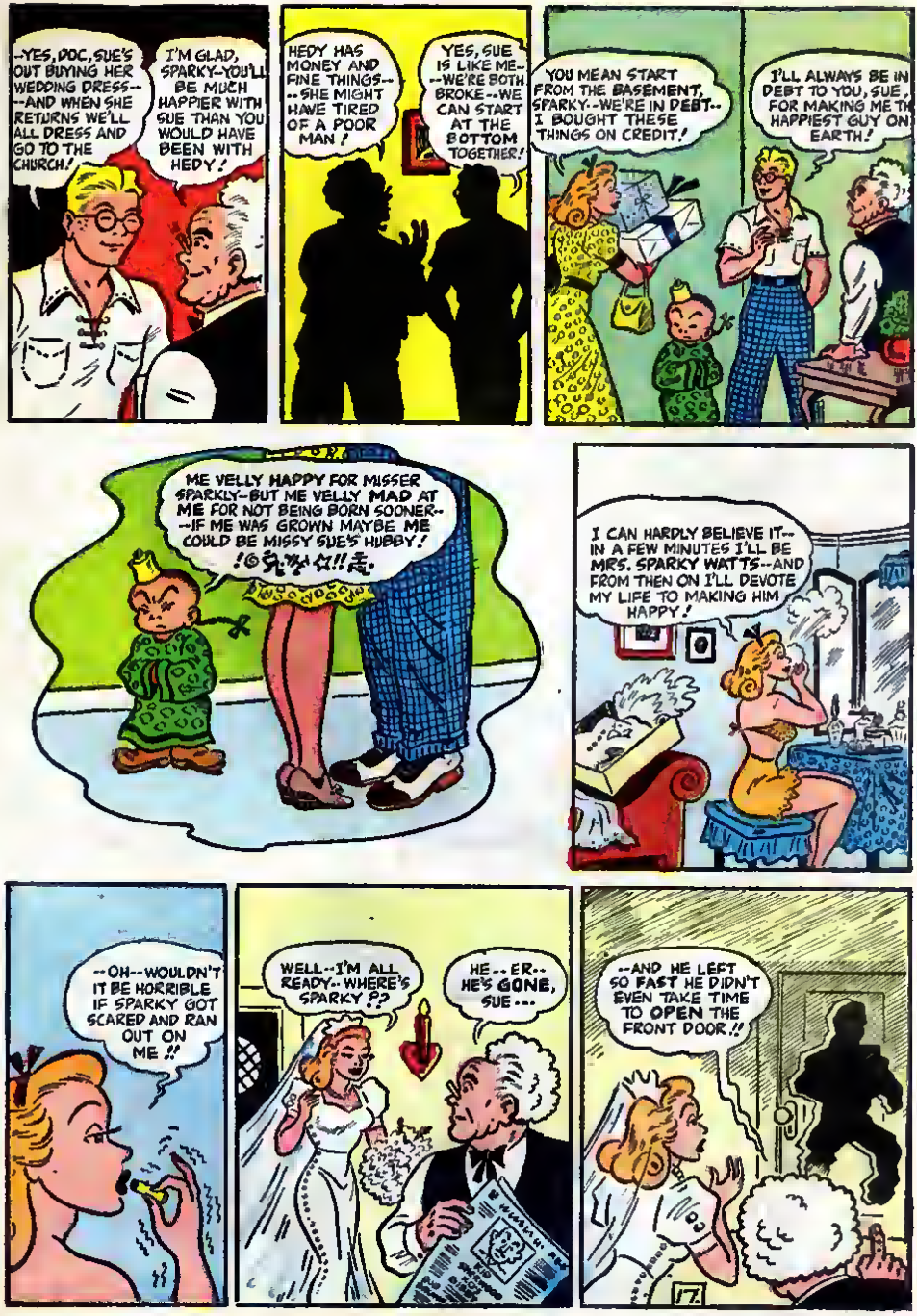
--YES, DOC, SUE'S OUT BUYING HER WEDDING DRESS-- --AND WHEN SHE RETURNS WE'LL ALL DRESS AND GO TO THE CHURCH!
I'M GLAD, SPARKY--YOU'LL BE MUCH HAPPIER WITH SUE THAN YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN WITH HEDY!
HEDY HAS MONEY AND FINE THINGS-- --SHE MIGHT HAVE TIRED OF A POOR MAN!
YES, SUE IS LIKE ME-- --WE'RE BOTH BROKE--WE CAN START AT THE BOTTOM TOGETHER!
YOU MEAN START FROM THE BASEMENT, SPARKY--WE'RE IN DEBT-- I BOUGHT THESE THINGS ON CREDIT!
I'LL ALWAYS BE IN DEBT TO YOU, SUE, FOR MAKING ME TH HAPPIEST GUY ON EARTH!
ME VELLY HAPPY FOR MISSER SPARKLY--BUT ME VELLY MAD AT ME FOR NOT BEING BORN SOONER-- --IF ME WAS GROWN MAYBE ME COULD BE MISSY SUE'S HUBBY!
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT-- IN A FEW MINUTES I'LL BE MRS. SPARKY WATTS--AND FROM THEN ON I'LL DEVOTE MY LIFE TO MAKING HIM HAPPY!
--OH--WOULDN'T IT BE HORRIBLE IF SPARKY GOT SCARED AND RAN OUT ON ME!!
WELL--I'M ALL READY--WHERE'S SPARKY?
HE--ER-- HE'S GONE, SUE---
--AND HE LEFT SO FAST HE DIDN'T EVEN TAKE TIME TO OPEN THE FRONT DOOR!!
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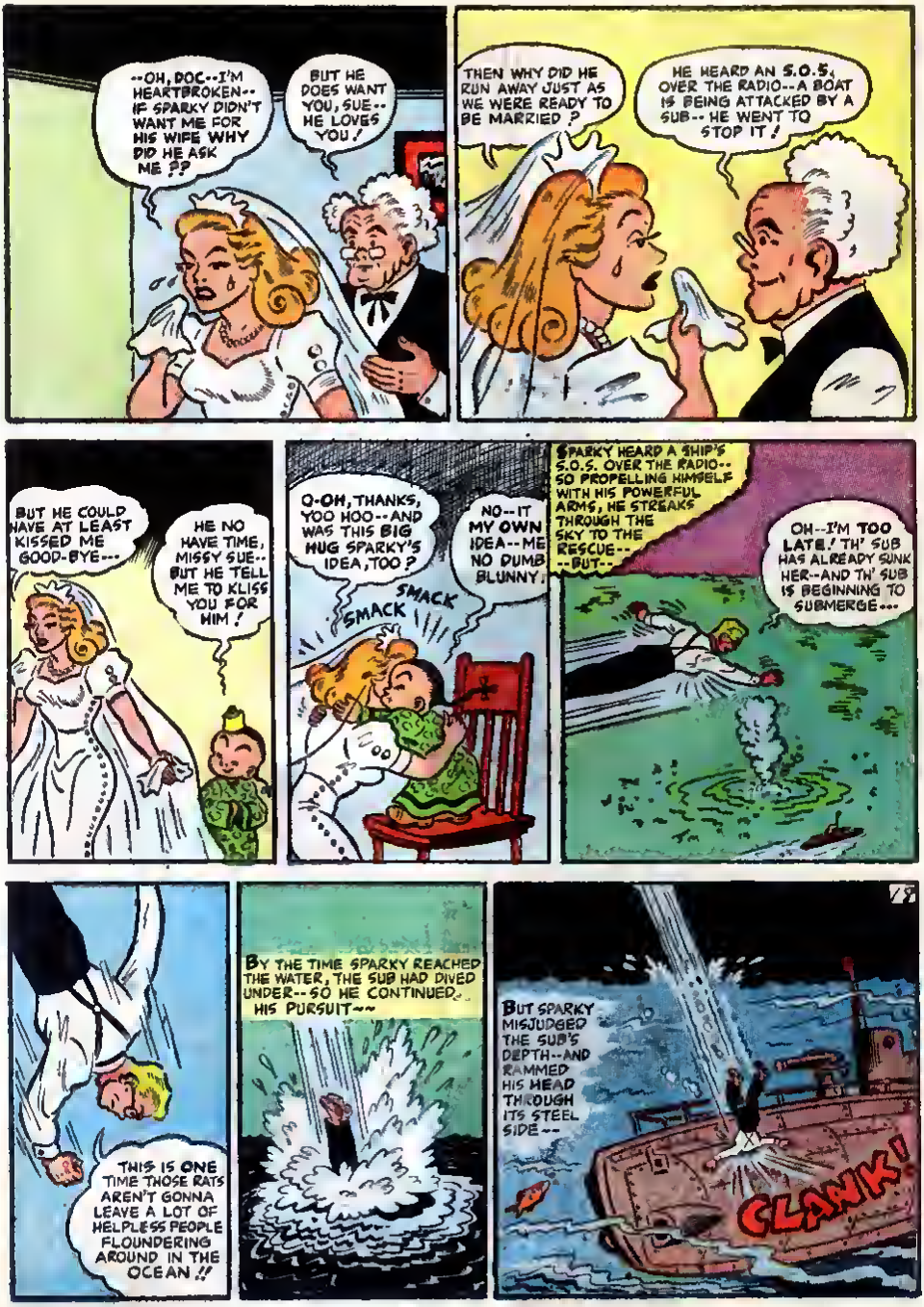
--OH, DOC--I'M HEARTBROKEN-- IF SPARKY DIDN'T WANT ME FOR HIS WIFE WHY DID HE ASK ME ??
BUT HE DOES WANT YOU, SUE-- HE LOVES YOU!
THEN WHY DID HE RUN AWAY JUST AS WE WERE READY TO BE MARRIED ?
HE HEARD AN S.O.S. OVER THE RADIO--A BOAT IS BEING ATTACKED BY A SUB-- HE WENT TO STOP IT!
BUT HE COULD HAVE AT LEAST KISSED ME GOOD-BYE---
HE NO HAVE TIME, MISSY SUE-- BUT HE TELL ME TO KLISS YOU FOR HIM!
O-OH, THANKS, YOO HOO--AND WAS THIS BIG HUG SPARKY'S IDEA, TOO?
NO--IT MY OWN IDEA--ME NO DUMB BLUNNY
SMACK
SMACK
SPARKY HEARD A SHIP'S S.O.S. OVER THE RADIO-- SO PROPELLING HIMSELF WITH HIS POWERFUL ARMS, HE STREAKS THROUGH THE SKY TO THE RESCUE-- --BUT--
OH--I'M TOO LATE! TH' SUB HAS ALREADY SUNK HER--AND TH' SUB IS BEGINNING TO SUBMERGE---
THIS IS ONE TIME THOSE RATS AREN'T GONNA LEAVE A LOT OF HELPLESS PEOPLE FLOUNDERING AROUND IN THE OCEAN!!
BY THE TIME SPARKY REACHED THE WATER, THE SUB HAD DIVED UNDER--SO HE CONTINUED HIS PURSUIT~~
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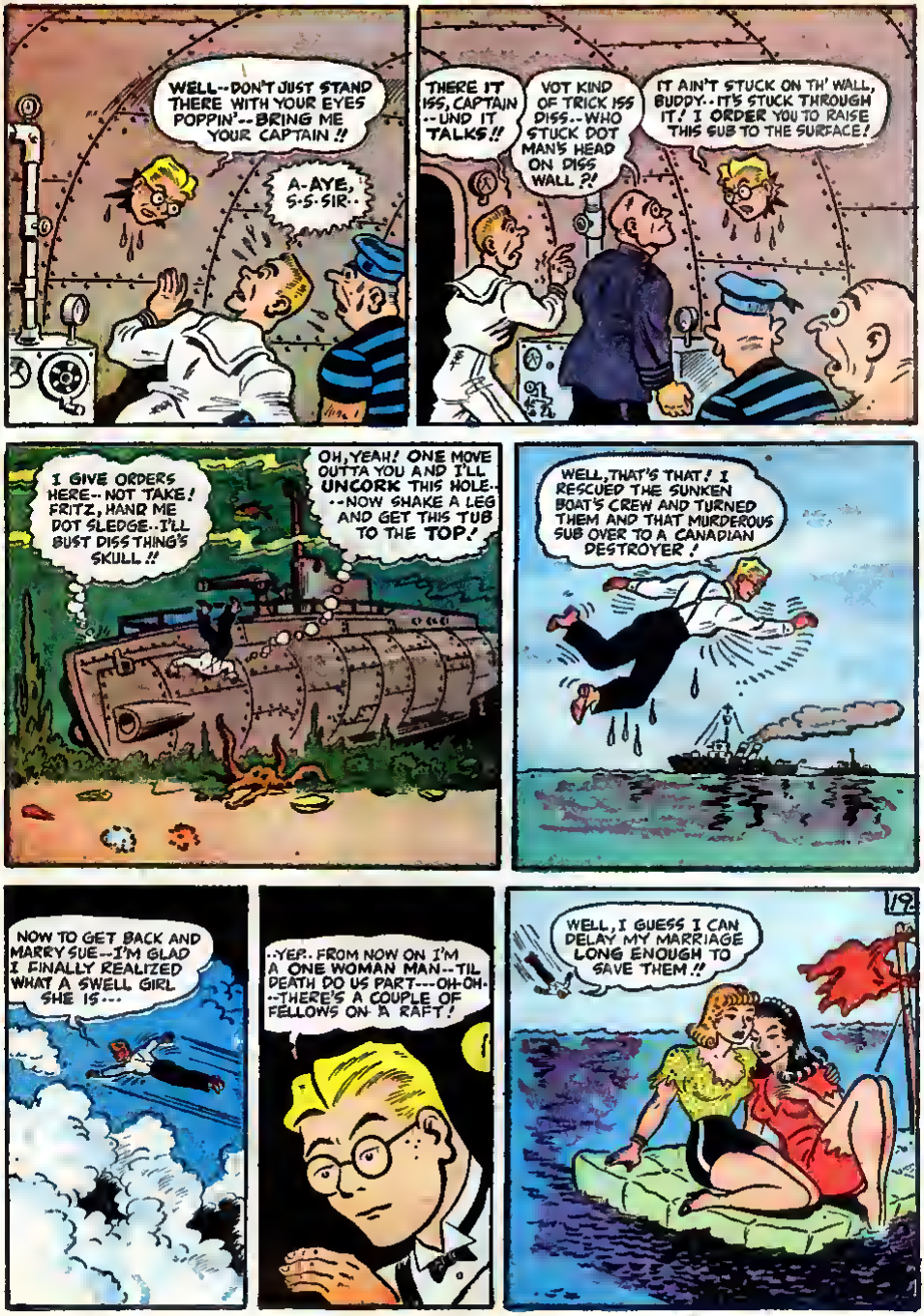
BUT SPARKY MISJUDGED THE SUB'S DEPTH--AND RAMMED HIS HEAD THROUGH ITS STEEL SIDE~~
CLANK!


WELL--DON'T JUST STAND THERE WITH YOUR EYES POPPIN'--BRING ME YOUR CAPTAIN !!
A-AYE, S-S-SIR..
THERE IT ISS, CAPTAIN --UND IT TALKS !!
VOT KIND OF TRICK ISS DISS--WHO STUCK DOT MAN'S HEAD ON DISS WALL ?!
IT AIN'T STUCK ON TH' WALL, BUDDY..IT'S STUCK THROUGH IT! I ORDER YOU TO RAISE THIS SUB TO THE SURFACE!
I GIVE ORDERS HERE--NOT TAKE! FRITZ, HANR ME DOT SLEDGE..I'LL BUST DISS THING'S SKULL !!
OH, YEAH! ONE MOVE OUTTA YOU AND I'LL UNCORK THIS HOLE..--NOW SHAKE A LEG AND GET THIS TUB TO THE TOP!
WELL, THAT'S THAT! I RESCUED THE SUNKEN BOAT'S CREW AND TURNED THEM AND THAT MURDEROUS SUB OVER TO A CANADIAN DESTROYER !
NOW TO GET BACK AND MARRY SUE--I'M GLAD I FINALLY REALIZED WHAT A SWELL GIRL SHE IS---
..YEP..FROM NOW ON I'M A ONE WOMAN MAN--TIL DEATH DO US PART---OH-OH--THERE'S A COUPLE OF FELLOWS ON A RAFT!
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WELL, I GUESS I CAN DELAY MY MARRIAGE LONG ENOUGH TO SAVE THEM !!

WELL, I'LL BE-- --IT'S GIRLS!
POOR KIDS-- IF I SUDDENLY POPPED DOWN ON THEIR RAFT I'D SCARE THEM TO DEATH--I'LL CIRCLE AROUND UNTIL THEY SEE ME--
LOOK-- A MAN! HELP, MISTER-- HELP! HELP!
HELP! HELP!!
OH--PLEASE SAVE US... --HELP! HELP!
CALM DOWN, GIRLS, EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL-- --I'LL---
---SAVE YOU---- --GULP---
HELP! HELP!!
SMACK SMACK SMACK SMACK
OH, MISTER-- WE'VE BEEN ON THIS RAFT SO LONG WE MUST BE DELIRIOUS-- -- WE THOUGHT WE SAW YOU FLYING!
YOU DID! I'VE BEEN CHARGED WITH COSMIC RAYS -I CAN WHIRL MY ARMS SO FAST I'M JUST LIKE A TWIN-ENGINED AIRPLANE--
--SO I'LL HAVE YOU SAFE ASHORE IN NO TIME--BOTH OF YOU HANG ON MY BACK!
I'VE NEVER FLOWN WITH THIS HEAVY A LOAD BEFORE, AND THIS IS A SHORT RUNWAY-- BUT HOLD TIGHT--I'M GONNA OPEN TH' THROTTLE---
WHRRRRRRRRR!!
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GEE, GIRLS--I'M SORRY I DUNKED YOU--I GUESS MY WING SURFACE IS TOO SMALL TO LIFT ALL THREE OF US!
IF YOU HAD SPACE FOR A RUNNING TAKE-OFF YOU MIGHT DO IT--BUT THIS RAFT IS TOO SHORT.
I DON'T BELIEVE HE CAN FLY! FLYING MEN ONLY APPEAR IN THE FUNNY PAPERS--IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THAT'S NOT TRUE! ZACK TOLD ME MEN WERE JUST AS SMART AS BIRDS--
--AND HE SHOULD KNOW--HE'S THE AVIATOR WHO TOWS THAT BIG SIGN BEHIND HIS AIRPLANE OVER NEW YORK!
AN AERIAL SIGN PULLER--MM-M--
PLEASE REST AWHILE, MISTER--YOU'VE BEEN TOWING US FOR HOURS!
YEAH-- PURF-PURF-- --IT IS KINDA TIRING!
SAY--LET'S INTRODUCE OURSELVES--I'M SPARKY WATTS!
OH, SURELY YOU'VE SEEN MY PICTURES IN THE PAPERS--I'M FRAN HOTCHKISS OF PARK AVENUE--AND THIS IS EVE, MY MAID!
WHEN YOU GET ME SAFELY HOME I'LL REWARD YOU BY ALLOWING YOU TO ESCORT ME TO ALL THE NIGHT HOT SPOTS--AND I MAY EVEN MARRY YOU!
WHY, YOU STUFFED SNOB! YOU THINK BY SNAPPING YOUR FINGERS YOU CAN HAVE ANY MAN--WELL, THIS TIME I'M CUTTIN' IN!
SILENCE! REMEMBER YOUR PLACE--YOU--YOU COMMON WORKING GIRL!!
CONTROL YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE, GIRLS--YOU'RE ON TH' WRONG TRAIL--I'M ALREADY ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED!
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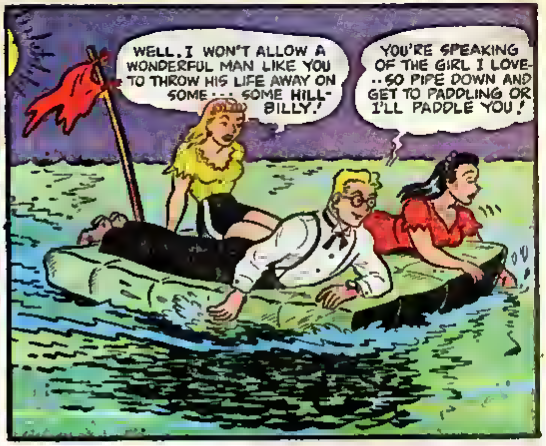
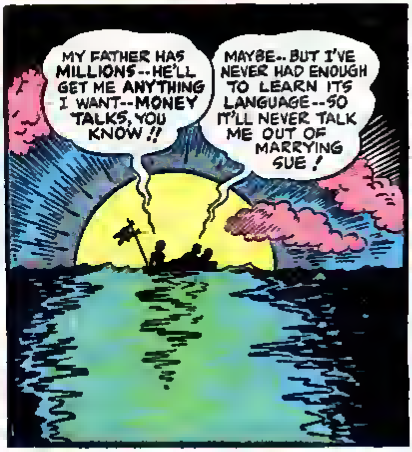
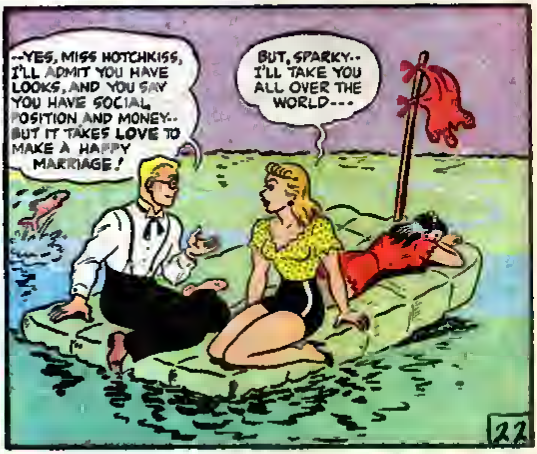
-- WHAT!? YOU MEAN YOU INTEND TO MARRY SOME PERSON NOBODY EVER HEARD OF WHEN YOU CAN MARRY ME-- --THE GLAMOUROUS FRAN HOTCHKISS!?!
YEP--SUE MAY NOT BE IN THE SOCIAL REGISTER -- BUT SHE'S TOPS IN MY BOOK!


WELL, I WON'T ALLOW A WONDERFUL MAN LIKE YOU TO THROW HIS LIFE AWAY ON SOME... SOME HILL-BILLY!
YOU'RE SPEAKING OF THE GIRL I LOVE--SO PIPE DOWN AND GET TO PADDLING OR I'LL PADDLE YOU!


MY FATHER HAS MILLIONS--HE'LL GET ME ANYTHING I WANT--MONEY TALKS, YOU KNOW!!
MAYBE.. BUT I'VE NEVER HAD ENOUGH TO LEARN ITS LANGUAGE--SO IT'LL NEVER TALK ME OUT OF MARRYING SUE!


--YES, MISS HOTCHKISS, I'LL ADMIT YOU HAVE LOOKS, AND YOU SAY YOU HAVE SOCIAL POSITION AND MONEY.. BUT IT TAKES LOVE TO MAKE A HAPPY MARRIAGE!
BUT, SPARKY.. I'LL TAKE YOU ALL OVER THE WORLD---
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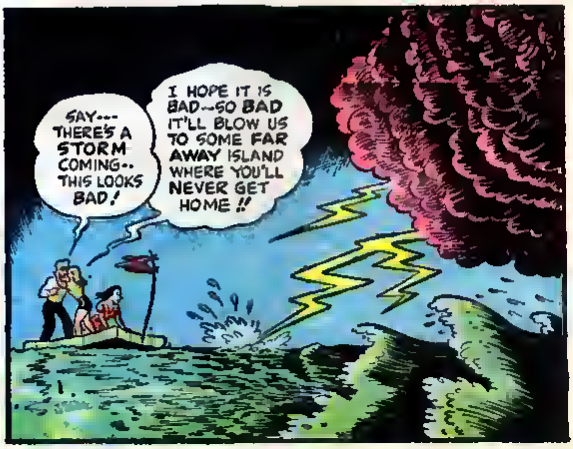
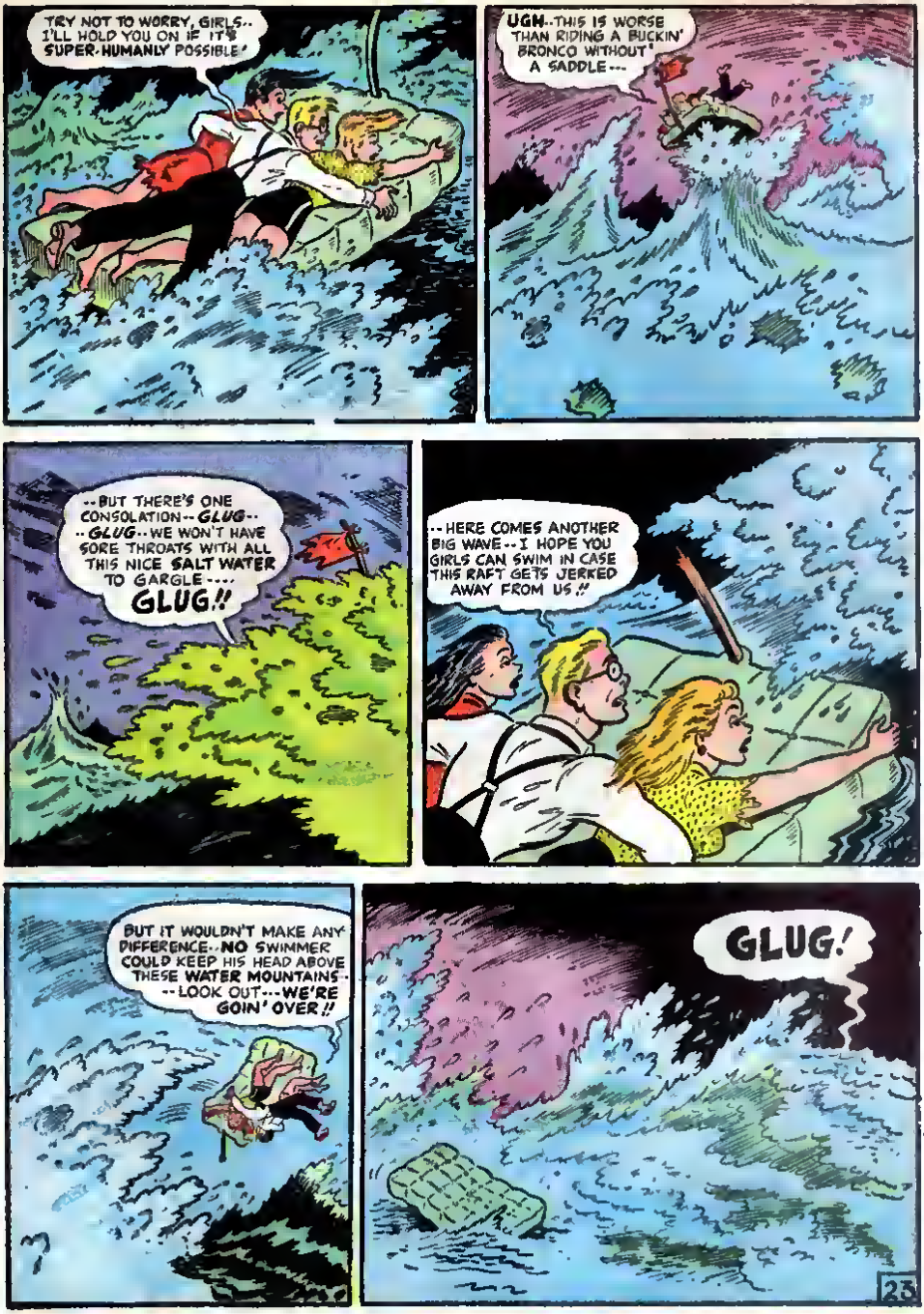
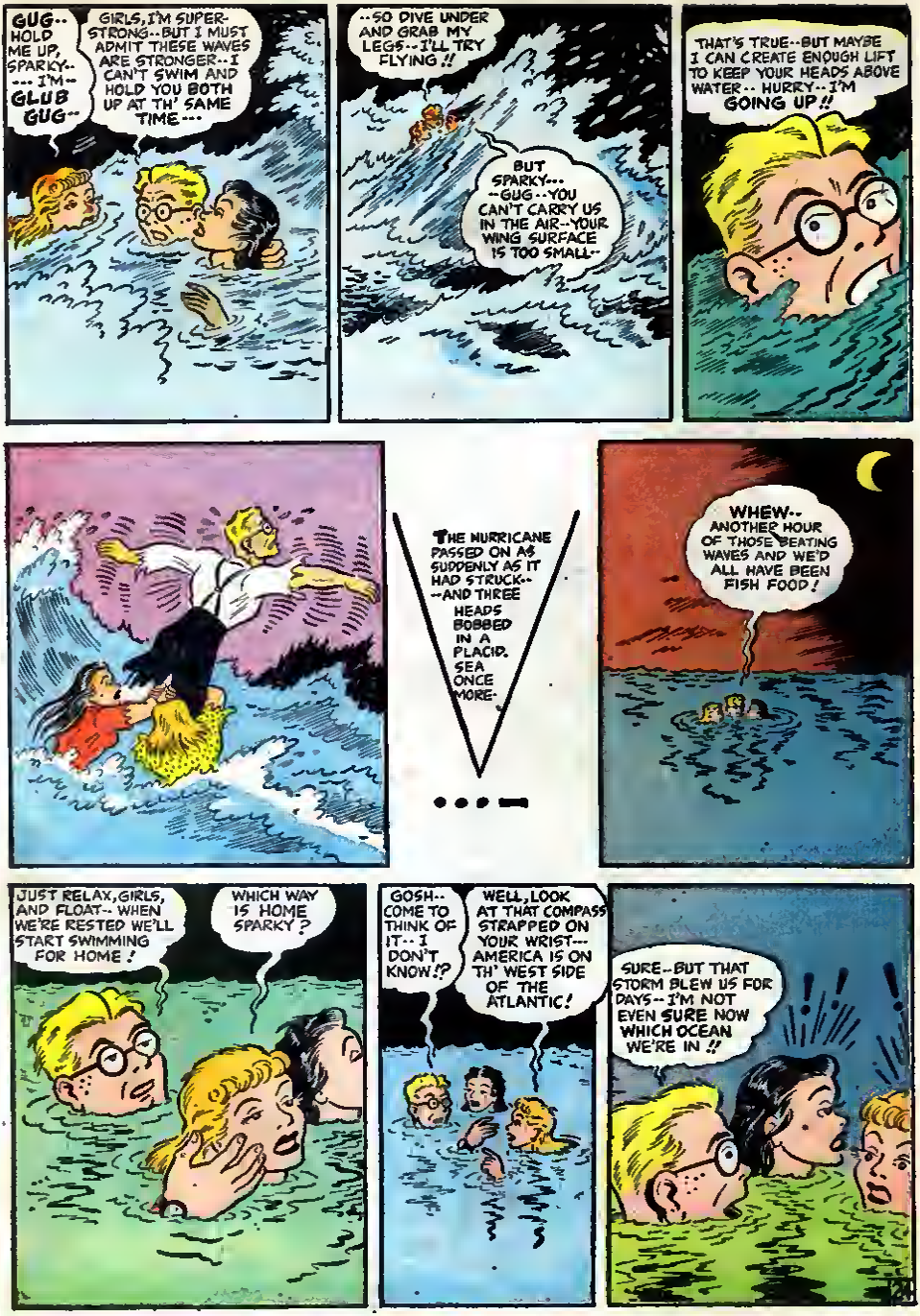
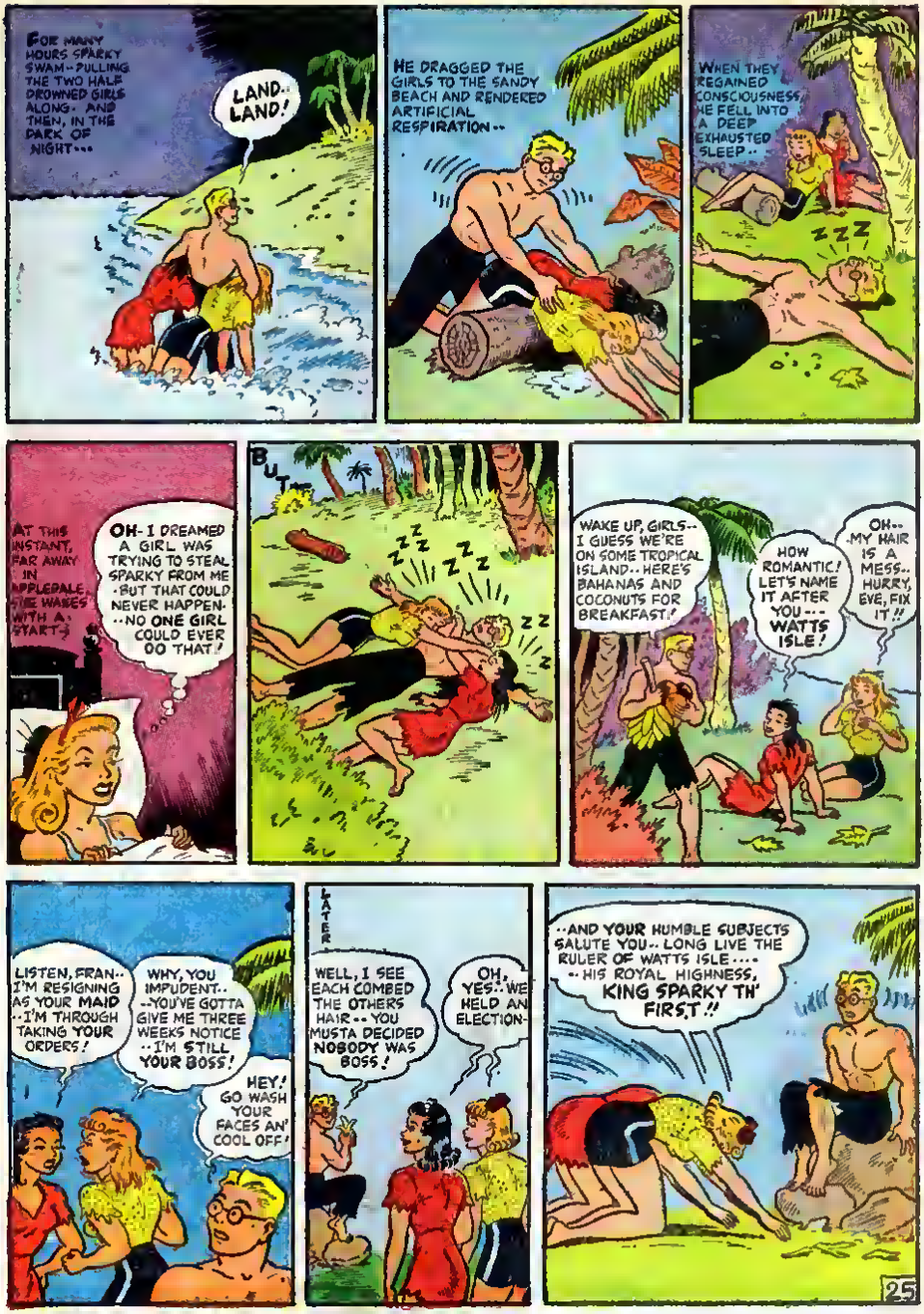
--I'LL BUY YOU FINE CLOTHES, DIAMONDS, YACHTS, PENTHOUSES, LONG AUTOMOBILES.. --I'D MAKE YOU HAPPY ALL RIGHT!
NO, BABE--YOU'RE WHISTLING DOWN TH' WRONG RAIN BARREL.. WHEN I REACH HOME I'M MARRYING SUE!


SAY--- THERE'S A STORM COMING.. THIS LOOKS BAD!
I HOPE IT IS BAD--SO BAD IT'LL BLOW US TO SOME FAR AWAY ISLAND WHERE YOU'LL NEVER GET HOME!!


TRY NOT TO WORRY, GIRLS.. I'LL HOLD YOU ON IF IT'S SUPER-HUMANLY POSSIBLE!
UGH..THIS IS WORSE THAN RIDING A BUCKIN' BRONCO WITHOUT A SADDLE---
--BUT THERE'S ONE CONSOLATION--GLUG-- --GLUG--WE WON'T HAVE SORE THROATS WITH ALL THIS NICE SALT WATER TO GARGLE---- GLUG!!
--HERE COMES ANOTHER BIG WAVE--I HOPE YOU GIRLS CAN SWIM IN CASE THIS RAFT GETS JERKED AWAY FROM US!!
BUT IT WOULDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE--NO SWIMMER COULD KEEP HIS HEAD ABOVE THESE WATER MOUNTAINS-- --LOOK OUT---WE'RE GOIN' OVER!!
GLUG!


GUG.. HOLD ME UP, SPARKY.. ... I'M.. GLUB GUG..
GIRLS, I'M SUPER-STRONG.. BUT I MUST ADMIT THESE WAVES ARE STRONGER.. I CAN'T SWIM AND HOLD YOU BOTH UP AT TH' SAME TIME...
..SO DIVE UNDER AND GRAB MY LEGS.. I'LL TRY FLYING !!
BUT SPARKY... ..GUG.. YOU CAN'T CARRY US IN THE AIR.. YOUR WING SURFACE IS TOO SMALL..
THAT'S TRUE.. BUT MAYBE I CAN CREATE ENOUGH LIFT TO KEEP YOUR HEADS ABOVE WATER.. HURRY.. I'M GOING UP !!
THE HURRICANE PASSED ON AS SUDDENLY AS IT HAD STRUCK.. ..AND THREE HEADS BOBBED IN A PLACID SEA ONCE MORE.
WHEW.. ANOTHER HOUR OF THOSE BEATING WAVES AND WE'D ALL HAVE BEEN FISH FOOD!
JUST RELAX, GIRLS, AND FLOAT.. WHEN WE'RE RESTED WE'LL START SWIMMING FOR HOME!
WHICH WAY IS HOME SPARKY?
GOSH.. COME TO THINK OF IT.. I DON'T KNOW!?
WELL, LOOK AT THAT COMPASS STRAPPED ON YOUR WRIST... AMERICA IS ON TH' WEST SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC!
SURE.. BUT THAT STORM BLEW US FOR DAYS.. I'M NOT EVEN SURE NOW WHICH OCEAN WE'RE IN !!


FOR MANY HOURS SPARKY SWAM--PULLING THE TWO HALF DROWNED GIRLS ALONG. AND THEN, IN THE DARK OF NIGHT...
LAND.. LAND!
HE DRAGGED THE GIRLS TO THE SANDY BEACH AND RENDERED ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION--
WHEN THEY REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS, HE FELL INTO A DEEP EXHAUSTED SLEEP..
Z Z Z
AT THIS INSTANT, FAR AWAY IN APPLEDALE, FIE WAKES WITH A START.
OH- I DREAMED A GIRL WAS TRYING TO STEAL SPARKY FROM ME .BUT THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN. ..NO ONE GIRL COULD EVER DO THAT!
BUT
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WAKE UP, GIRLS.. I GUESS WE'RE ON SOME TROPICAL ISLAND.. HERE'S BAHANAS AND COCONUTS FOR BREAKFAST!
HOW ROMANTIC! LET'S NAME IT AFTER YOU--- WATTS ISLE!
OH.. MY HAIR IS A MESS.. HURRY, EVE, FIX IT!!
LISTEN, FRAN.. I'M RESIGNING AS YOUR MAID ..I'M THROUGH TAKING YOUR ORDERS!
WHY, YOU IMPUDENT.. --YOU'VE GOTTA GIVE ME THREE WEEKS NOTICE ..I'M STILL YOUR BOSS!
HEY! GO WASH YOUR FACES AN' COOL OFF!
LATER
WELL, I SEE EACH COMBED THE OTHERS HAIR -- YOU MUSTA DECIDED NOBODY WAS BOSS!
OH, YES.. WE HELD AN ELECTION-
..AND YOUR HUMBLE SUBJECTS SALUTE YOU.. LONG LIVE THE RULER OF WATTS ISLE.... ..HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, KING SPARKY TH' FIRST!!
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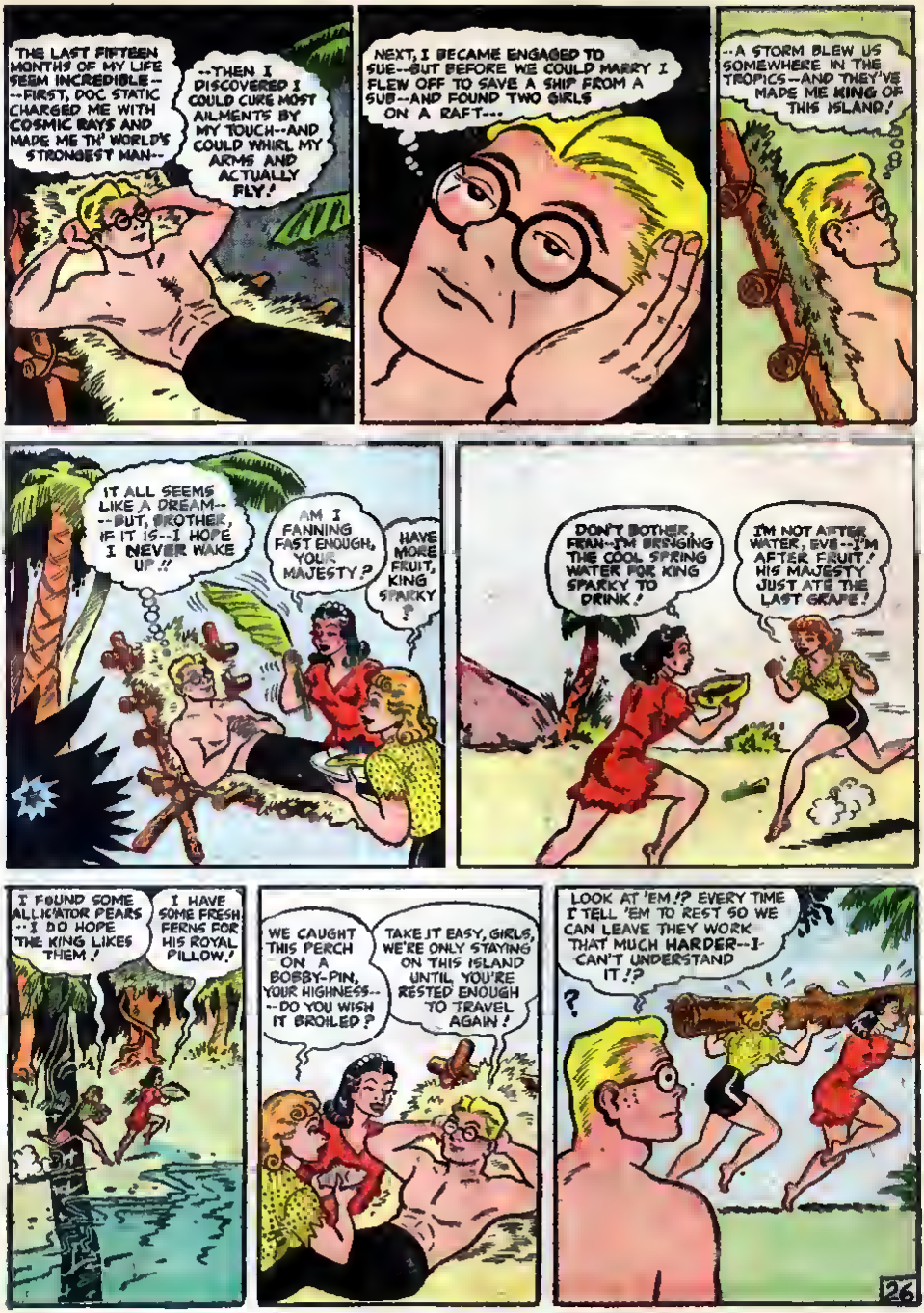
THE LAST FIFTEEN MONTHS OF MY LIFE SEEM INCREDIBLE--
--FIRST, DOC STATIC CHARGED ME WITH COSMIC RAYS AND MADE ME TH' WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN--
--THEN I DISCOVERED I COULD CURE MOST AILMENTS BY MY TOUCH--AND COULD WHIRL MY ARMS AND ACTUALLY FLY!
NEXT, I BECAME ENGAGED TO SUE--BUT BEFORE WE COULD MARRY I FLEW OFF TO SAVE A SHIP FROM A SUB--AND FOUND TWO GIRLS ON A RAFT---
--A STORM BLEW US SOMEWHERE IN THE TROPICS--AND THEY'VE MADE ME KING OF THIS ISLAND!
IT ALL SEEMS LIKE A DREAM--
--BUT, BROTHER, IF IT IS--I HOPE I NEVER WAKE UP!!
AM I FANNING FAST ENOUGH, YOUR MAJESTY?
HAVE MORE FRUIT, KING SPARKY?
DON'T BOTHER, FRAN--I'M BRINGING THE COOL SPRING WATER FOR KING SPARKY TO DRINK!
I'M NOT AFTER WATER, EVE--I'M AFTER FRUIT! HIS MAJESTY JUST ATE THE LAST GRAPE!
I FOUND SOME ALLIGATOR PEARS --I DO HOPE THE KING LIKES THEM!
I HAVE SOME FRESH FERNS FOR HIS ROYAL PILLOW!
WE CAUGHT THIS PERCH ON A BOBBY-PIN, YOUR HIGHNESS--
--DO YOU WISH IT BROILED?
TAKE IT EASY, GIRLS, WE'RE ONLY STAYING ON THIS ISLAND UNTIL YOU'RE RESTED ENOUGH TO TRAVEL AGAIN!
LOOK AT 'EM!? EVERY TIME I TELL 'EM TO REST SO WE CAN LEAVE THEY WORK THAT MUCH HARDER--I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!?
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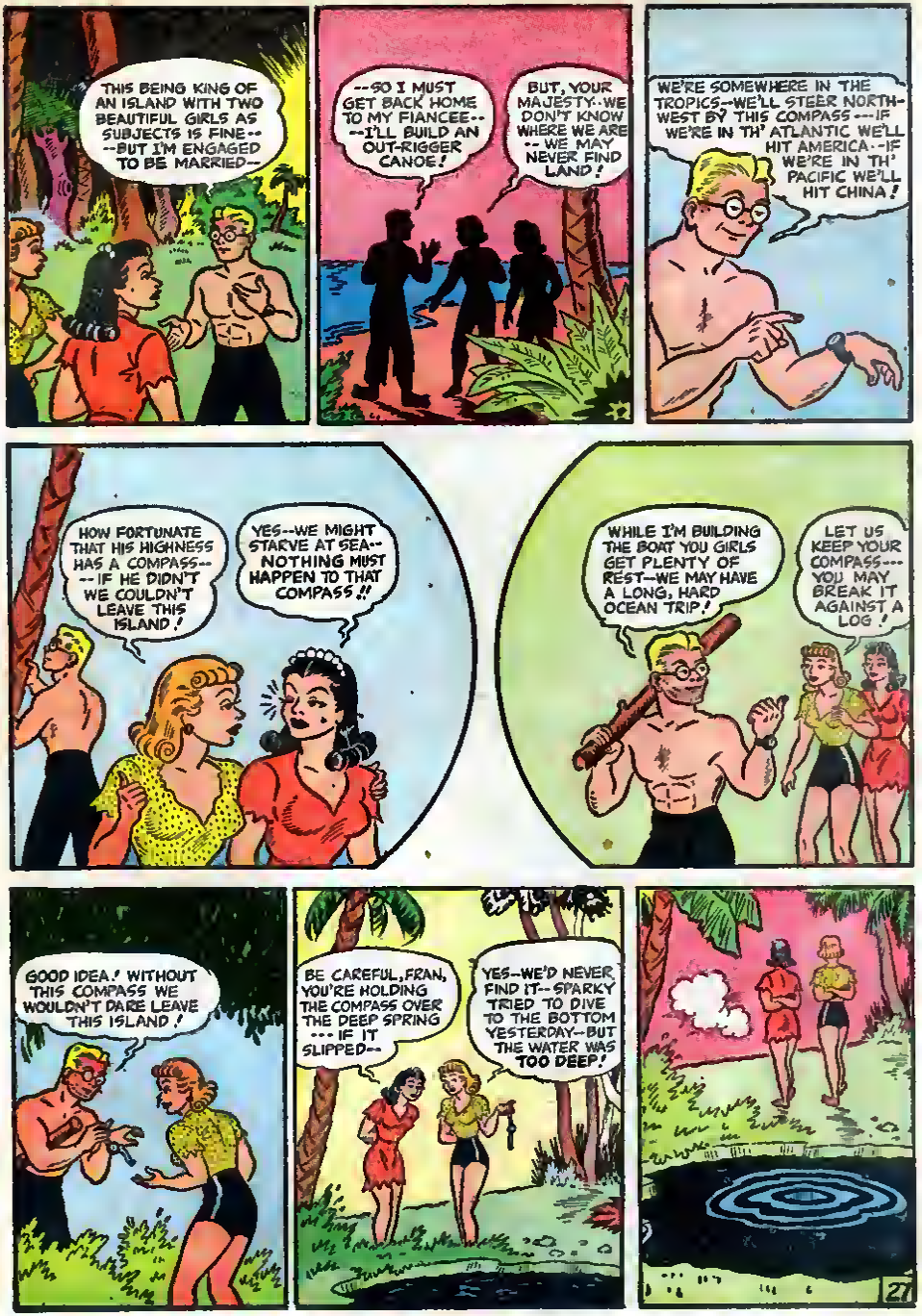
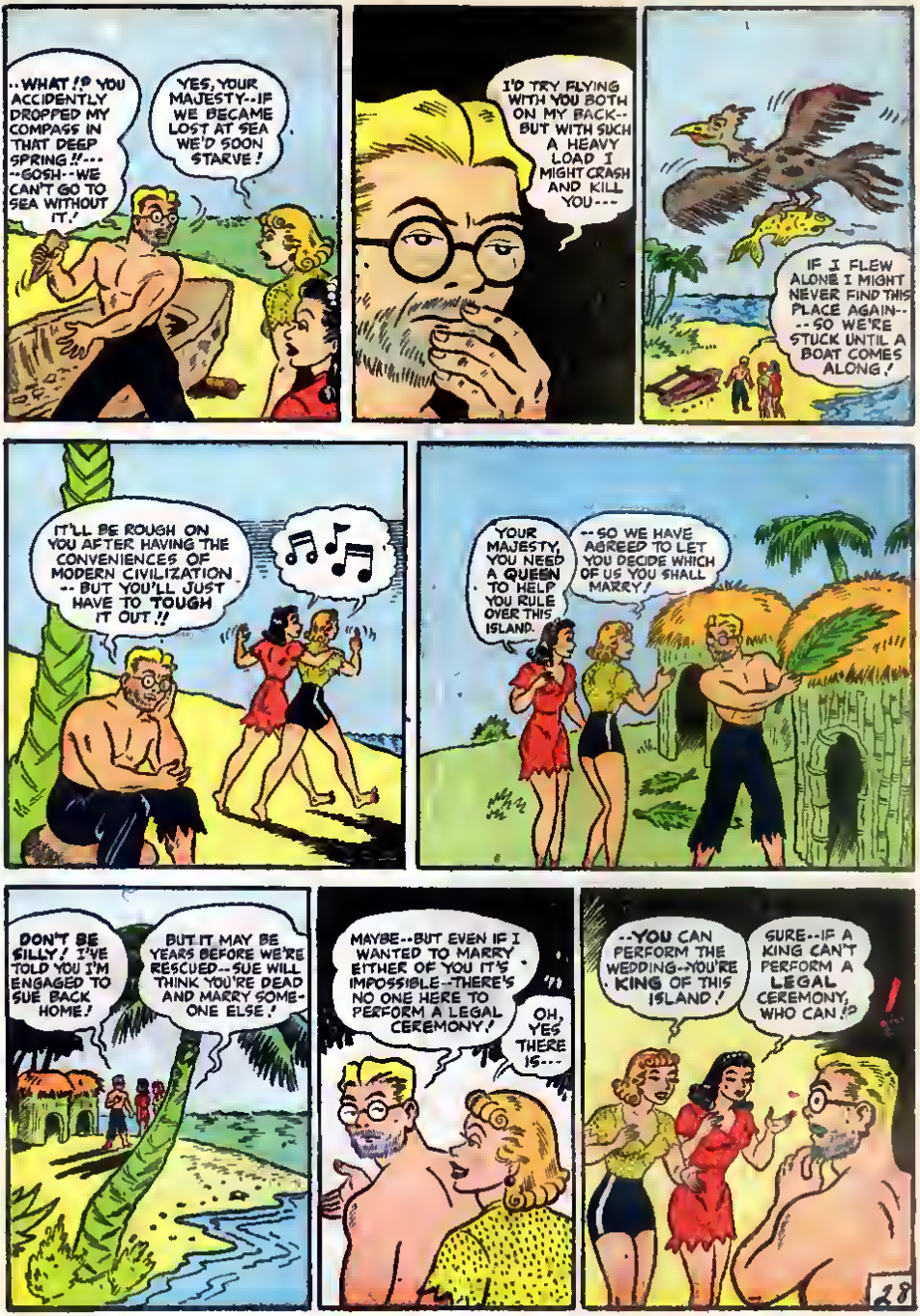

THIS BEING KING OF AN ISLAND WITH TWO BEAUTIFUL GIRLS AS SUBJECTS IS FINE-- --BUT I'M ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED--
--SO I MUST GET BACK HOME TO MY FIANCEE-- --I'LL BUILD AN OUT-RIGGER CANOE!
BUT, YOUR MAJESTY--WE DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE -- WE MAY NEVER FIND LAND!
WE'RE SOMEWHERE IN THE TROPICS--WE'LL STEER NORTH-WEST BY THIS COMPASS---IF WE'RE IN TH' ATLANTIC WE'LL HIT AMERICA--IF WE'RE IN TH' PACIFIC WE'LL HIT CHINA!
HOW FORTUNATE THAT HIS HIGHNESS HAS A COMPASS-- -- IF HE DIDN'T WE COULDN'T LEAVE THIS ISLAND!
YES--WE MIGHT STARVE AT SEA-- NOTHING MUST HAPPEN TO THAT COMPASS!!
WHILE I'M BUILDING THE BOAT YOU GIRLS GET PLENTY OF REST--WE MAY HAVE A LONG, HARD OCEAN TRIP!
LET US KEEP YOUR COMPASS--- YOU MAY BREAK IT AGAINST A LOG!
GOOD IDEA! WITHOUT THIS COMPASS WE WOULDN'T DARE LEAVE THIS ISLAND!
BE CAREFUL, FRAN, YOU'RE HOLDING THE COMPASS OVER THE DEEP SPRING --- IF IT SLIPPED--
YES--WE'D NEVER FIND IT-- SPARKY TRIED TO DIVE TO THE BOTTOM YESTERDAY--BUT THE WATER WAS TOO DEEP!


..WHAT!? YOU ACCIDENTLY DROPPED MY COMPASS IN THAT DEEP SPRING!!---
--GOSH--WE CAN'T GO TO SEA WITHOUT IT!
YES, YOUR MAJESTY--IF WE BECAME LOST AT SEA WE'D SOON STARVE!
I'D TRY FLYING WITH YOU BOTH ON MY BACK--BUT WITH SUCH A HEAVY LOAD I MIGHT CRASH AND KILL YOU---
IF I FLEW ALONE I MIGHT NEVER FIND THIS PLACE AGAIN--
--SO WE'RE STUCK UNTIL A BOAT COMES ALONG!
IT'LL BE ROUGH ON YOU AFTER HAVING THE CONVENIENCES OF MODERN CIVILIZATION -- BUT YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TOUGH IT OUT!!
YOUR MAJESTY, YOU NEED A QUEEN TO HELP YOU RULE OVER THIS ISLAND.
--SO WE HAVE AGREED TO LET YOU DECIDE WHICH OF US YOU SHALL MARRY!
DON'T BE SILLY! I'VE TOLD YOU I'M ENGAGED TO SUE BACK HOME!
BUT IT MAY BE YEARS BEFORE WE'RE RESCUED--SUE WILL THINK YOU'RE DEAD AND MARRY SOMEONE ELSE!
MAYBE--BUT EVEN IF I WANTED TO MARRY EITHER OF YOU IT'S IMPOSSIBLE--THERE'S NO ONE HERE TO PERFORM A LEGAL CEREMONY!
OH, YES THERE IS---
--YOU CAN PERFORM THE WEDDING--YOU'RE KING OF THIS ISLAND!
SURE--IF A KING CAN'T PERFORM A LEGAL CEREMONY, WHO CAN!?
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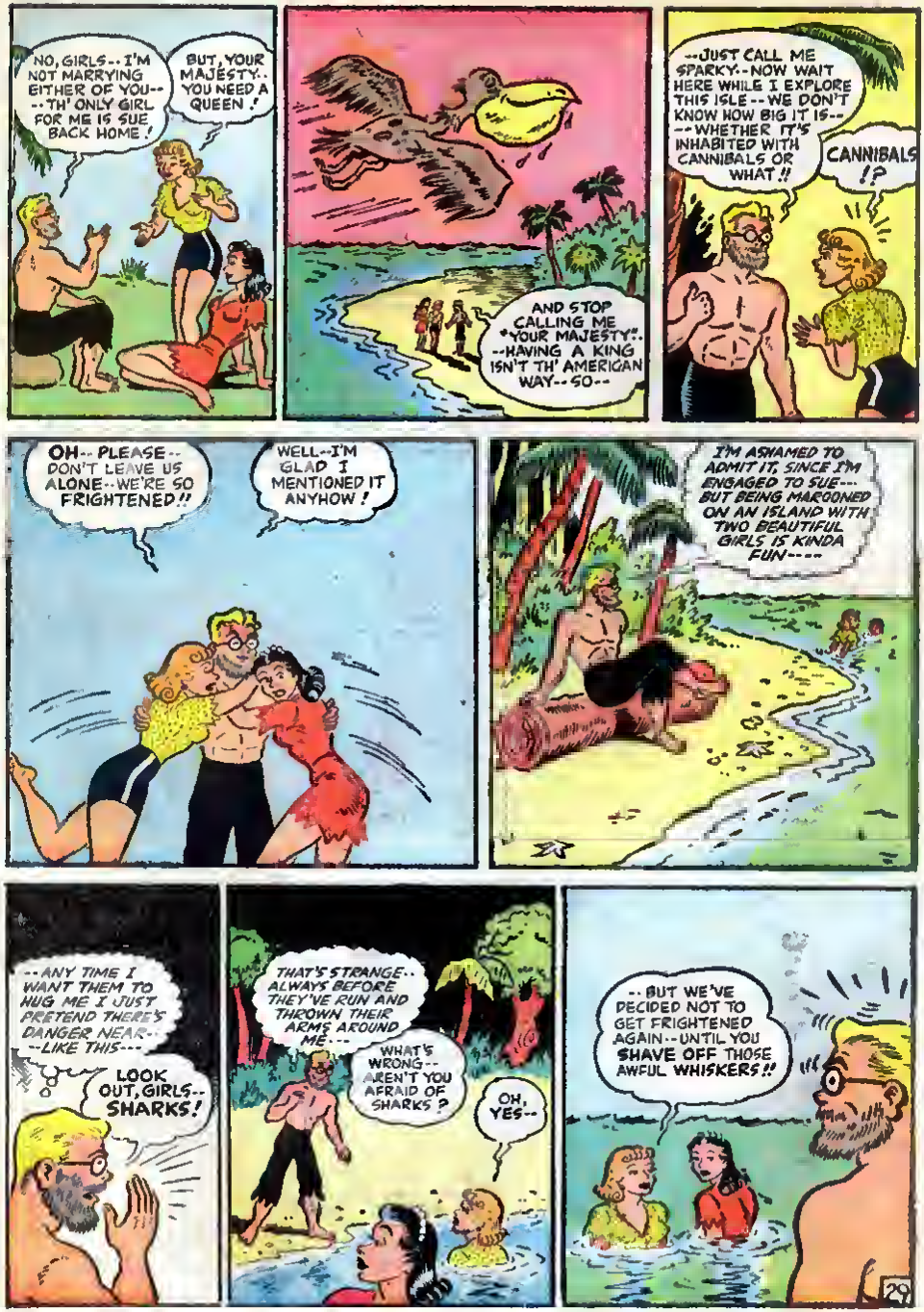
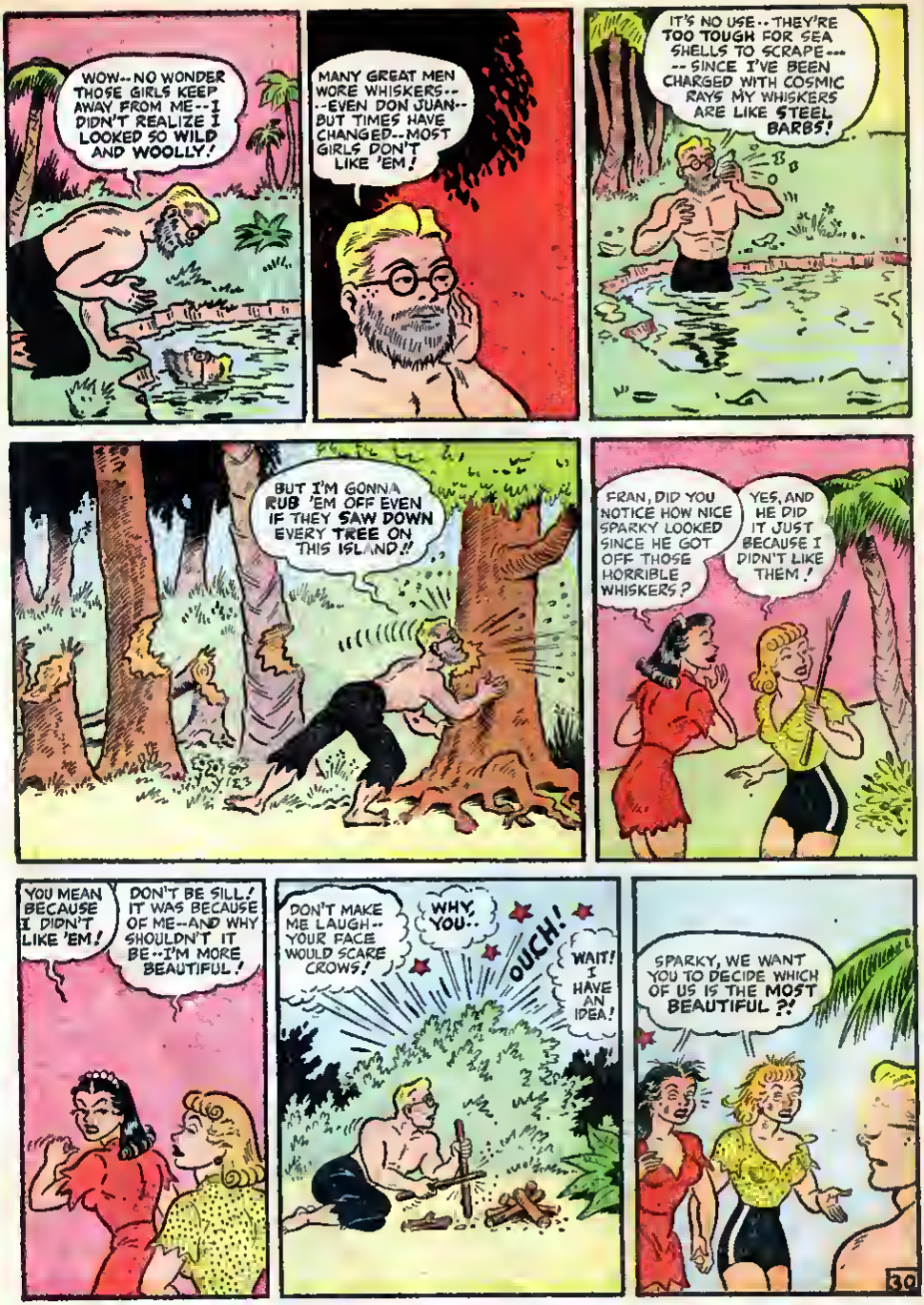
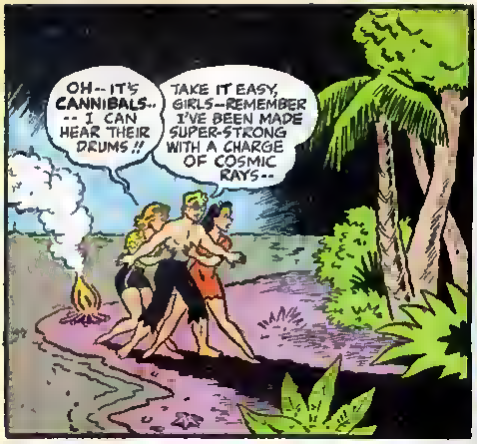

NO, GIRLS--I'M NOT MARRYING EITHER OF YOU--
--TH' ONLY GIRL FOR ME IS SUE BACK HOME!
BUT, YOUR MAJESTY.. YOU NEED A QUEEN!
AND STOP CALLING ME "YOUR MAJESTY".. --HAVING A KING ISN'T TH' AMERICAN WAY--SO--
--JUST CALL ME SPARKY--NOW WAIT HERE WHILE I EXPLORE THIS ISLE--WE DON'T KNOW HOW BIG IT IS--
--WHETHER IT'S INHABITED WITH CANNIBALS OR WHAT!!
CANNIBALS!?
OH--PLEASE--DON'T LEAVE US ALONE--WE'RE SO FRIGHTENED!!
WELL--I'M GLAD I MENTIONED IT ANYHOW!
I'M ASHAMED TO ADMIT IT, SINCE I'M ENGAGED TO SUE--- BUT BEING MAROONED ON AN ISLAND WITH TWO BEAUTIFUL GIRLS IS KINDA FUN----
--ANY TIME I WANT THEM TO HUG ME I JUST PRETEND THERE'S DANGER NEAR--
--LIKE THIS---
LOOK OUT, GIRLS--SHARKS!
THAT'S STRANGE.. ALWAYS BEFORE THEY'VE RUN AND THROWN THEIR ARMS AROUND ME---
WHAT'S WRONG--AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF SHARKS?
OH, YES--
--BUT WE'VE DECIDED NOT TO GET FRIGHTENED AGAIN--UNTIL YOU SHAVE OFF THOSE AWFUL WHISKERS!!

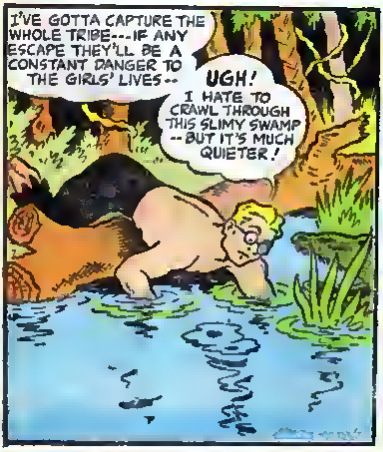

WOW--NO WONDER THOSE GIRLS KEEP AWAY FROM ME--I DIDN'T REALIZE I LOOKED SO WILD AND WOOLLY!
MANY GREAT MEN WORE WHISKERS--EVEN DON JUAN--BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED--MOST GIRLS DON'T LIKE 'EM!
IT'S NO USE--THEY'RE TOO TOUGH FOR SEA SHELLS TO SCRAPE--SINCE I'VE BEEN CHARGED WITH COSMIC RAYS MY WHISKERS ARE LIKE STEEL BARBS!
BUT I'M GONNA RUB 'EM OFF EVEN IF THEY SAW DOWN EVERY TREE ON THIS ISLAND!!
FRAN, DID YOU NOTICE HOW NICE SPARKY LOOKED SINCE HE GOT OFF THOSE HORRIBLE WHISKERS?
YES, AND HE DID IT JUST BECAUSE I DIDN'T LIKE THEM!
YOU MEAN BECAUSE I DIDN'T LIKE 'EM!
DON'T BE SILL! IT WAS BECAUSE OF ME--AND WHY SHOULDN'T IT BE--I'M MORE BEAUTIFUL!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH--YOUR FACE WOULD SCARE CROWS!
WHY, YOU..
OUCH!
WAIT! I HAVE AN IDEA!
SPARKY, WE WANT YOU TO DECIDE WHICH OF US IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL?!

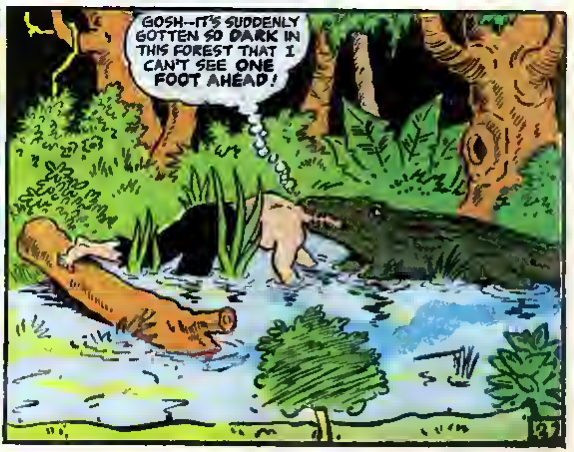
WE'D BETTER GET IN OUR HUTS-- IF I KNOW CLOUDS THERE'S GONNA BE A DOWNPOUR OF SKY-JUICE!
YES--WE DON'T WANT TO GET OUR HAIR WET--EVE AND I WORKED ALL MORNING GIVING EACH OTHER A FINGER WAVE!
HEY, GIRLS! [illegible]
WHAT?
WE CAN'T HEAR YOU, SPARKY--TH' RAIN AND WIND ARE MAKING TOO MUCH NOISE!
HE'S STILL SHOUTING, FRAN--MAYBE HE'S HURT HIMSELF!
WHAT'S WRONG, SPARKY?
I WAS ONLY ASKING IF YOUR HUT LEAKED-- I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO GET WET!
NO, GIRLS, THIS FIRE ISN'T JUST TO KEEP ANIMALS AWAY--IT'S SO ANY SHIP THAT PASSES WILL KNOW SOMEONE IS HERE!
T-THERE AREN'T ANY MAN-EATING ANIMALS ON THIS ISLAND, ARE THERE, SPARKY?
LATER—
I DON'T KNOW--EVERY TIME I'VE WANTED TO EXPLORE AROUND, YOU GIRLS WERE AFRAID TO LET ME OUT OF SIGHT---
LISTEN! I HEAR SOMETHING IN THE FOREST!!
IT SOUNDS LIKE HUMAN VOICES--
I HEAR DRUMS--OH--IT'S CANNIBALS!
MUMBLE-- MUMBLE--
BOOM-BOOM- BOOM-
YEOOWW

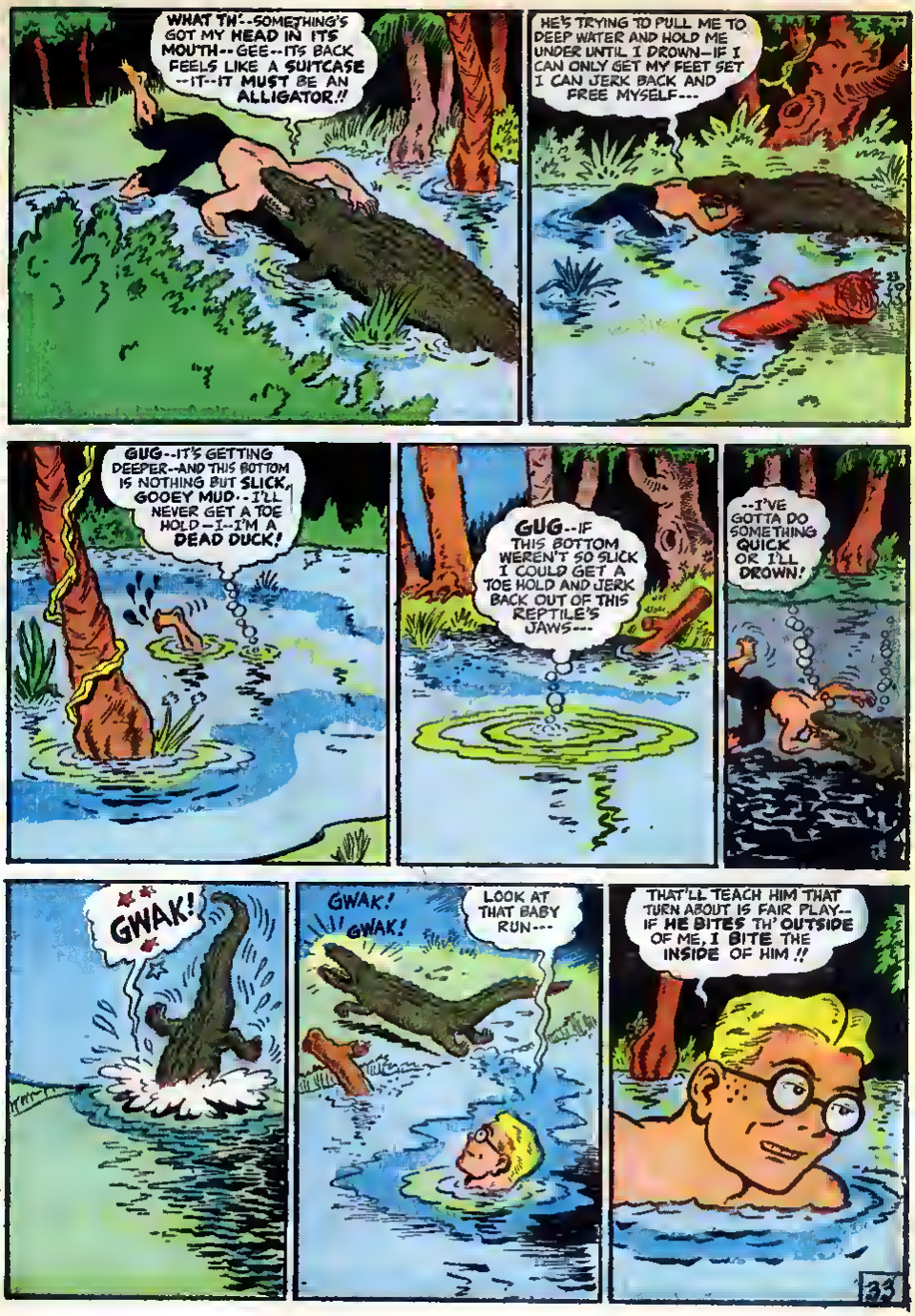

OH-- IT'S CANNIBALS-- -- I CAN HEAR THEIR DRUMS!!
TAKE IT EASY, GIRLS--REMEMBER I'VE BEEN MADE SUPER-STRONG WITH A CHARGE OF COSMIC RAYS--

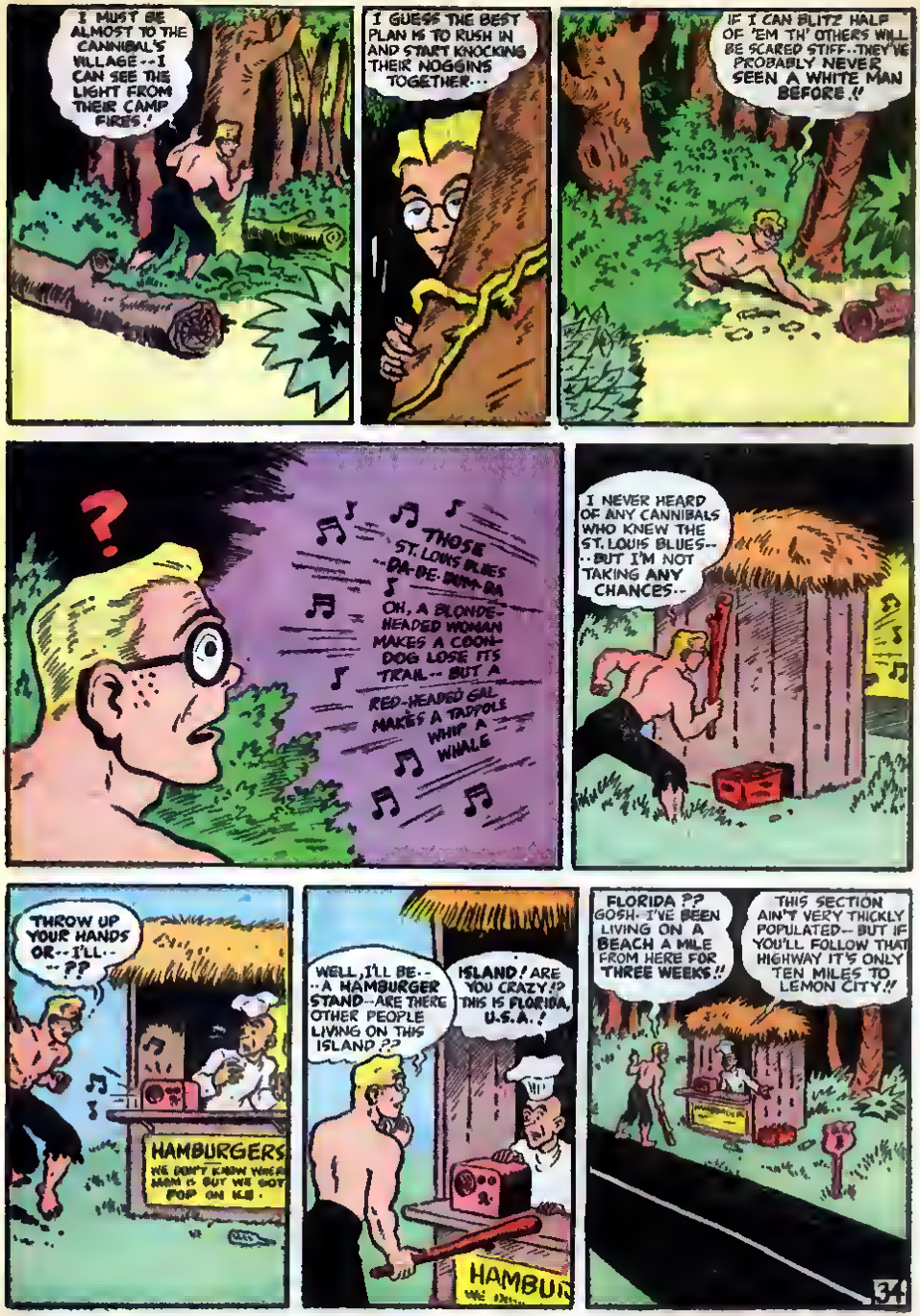
I'LL KICK THIS FIRE IN THE DRINK BEFORE THEY SEE IT--YOU WAIT HERE--I'LL SLIP INTO THE FOREST AND TRY TO CAPTURE 'EM!
OH, NO, SPARKY-- SOME OF 'EM MIGHT FIND US WHILE YOU'RE GONE-- AND EAT US!!

LEAVING THE TWO GIRLS HIDDEN ON THE BEACH SPARKY STARTS BACK INTO THE JUNGLE TOWARDS THE SOUND OF THE BEATING DRUMS--


I'VE GOTTA CAPTURE THE WHOLE TRIBE---IF ANY ESCAPE THEY'LL BE A CONSTANT DANGER TO THE GIRLS' LIVES--
UGH!
I HATE TO CRAWL THROUGH THIS SLIMY SWAMP --BUT IT'S MUCH QUIETER!




WHAT TH'--SOMETHING'S GOT MY HEAD IN ITS MOUTH--GEE--ITS BACK FEELS LIKE A SUITCASE --IT--IT MUST BE AN ALLIGATOR!!
HE'S TRYING TO PULL ME TO DEEP WATER AND HOLD ME UNDER UNTIL I DROWN--IF I CAN ONLY GET MY FEET SET I CAN JERK BACK AND FREE MYSELF---
GUG--IT'S GETTING DEEPER--AND THIS BOTTOM IS NOTHING BUT SLICK, GOOEY MUD--I'LL NEVER GET A TOE HOLD--I--I'M A DEAD DUCK!
GUG--IF THIS BOTTOM WEREN'T SO SLICK I COULD GET A TOE HOLD AND JERK BACK OUT OF THIS REPTILE'S JAWS---
--I'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING QUICK OR I'LL DROWN!
GWAK!
GWAK!
GWAK!
LOOK AT THAT BABY RUN---
THAT'LL TEACH HIM THAT TURN ABOUT IS FAIR PLAY--IF HE BITES TH' OUTSIDE OF ME, I BITE THE INSIDE OF HIM !!


I MUST BE ALMOST TO THE CANNIBAL'S VILLAGE--I CAN SEE THE LIGHT FROM THEIR CAMP FIRES!
I GUESS THE BEST PLAN IS TO RUSH IN AND START KNOCKING THEIR NOGGINS TOGETHER...
IF I CAN BLITZ HALF OF 'EM TH' OTHERS WILL BE SCARED STIFF--THEY'VE PROBABLY NEVER SEEN A WHITE MAN BEFORE!!
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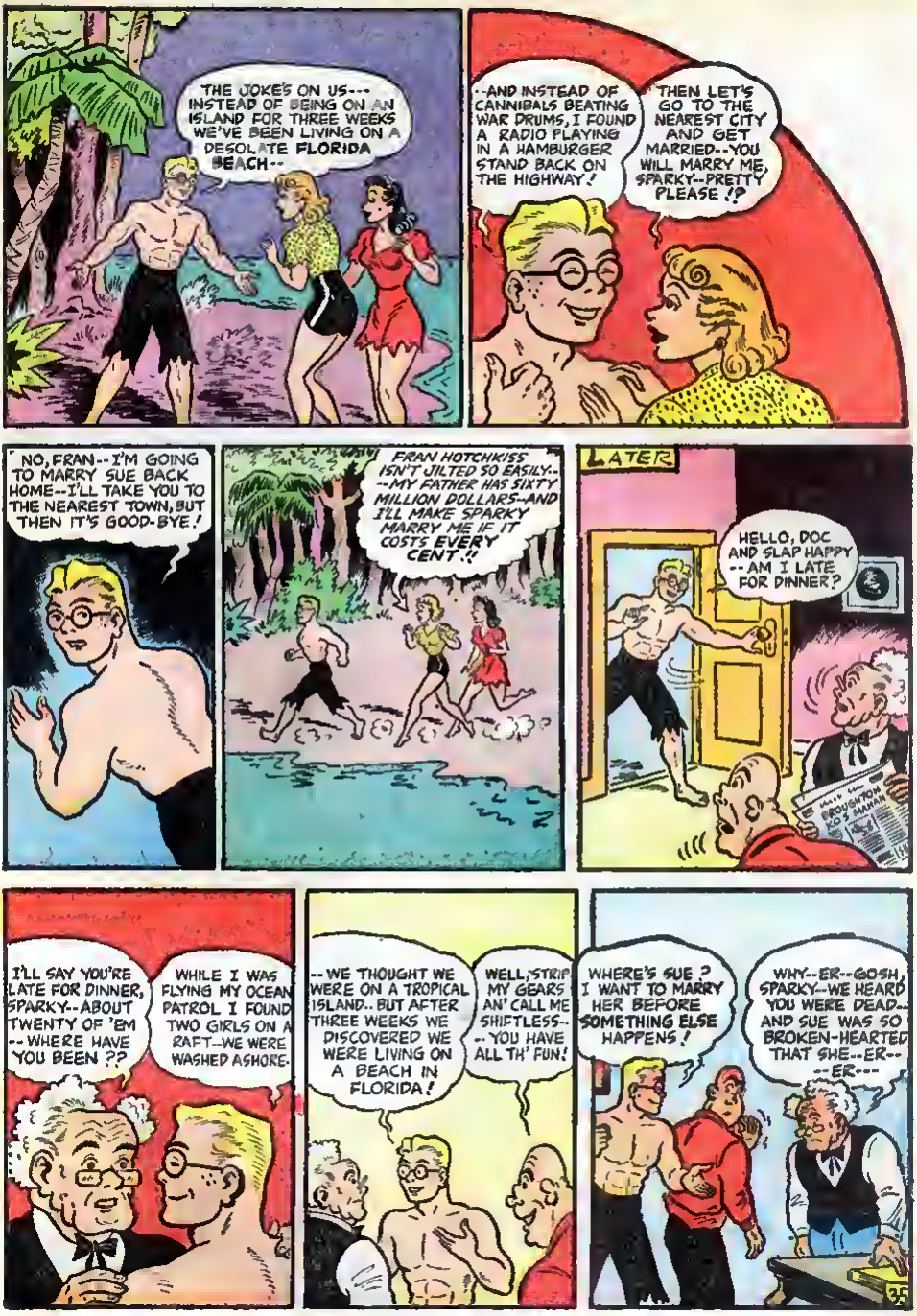
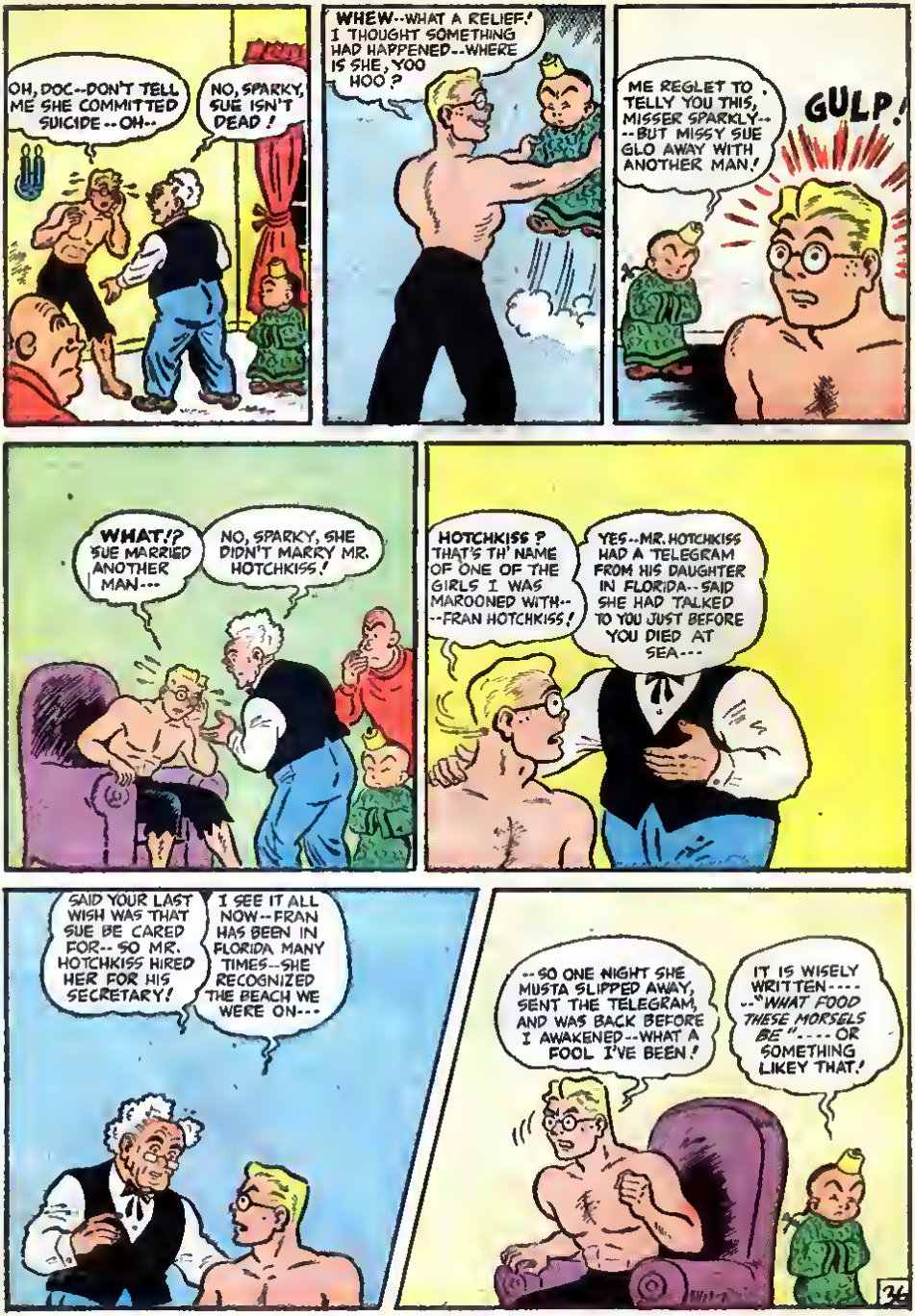
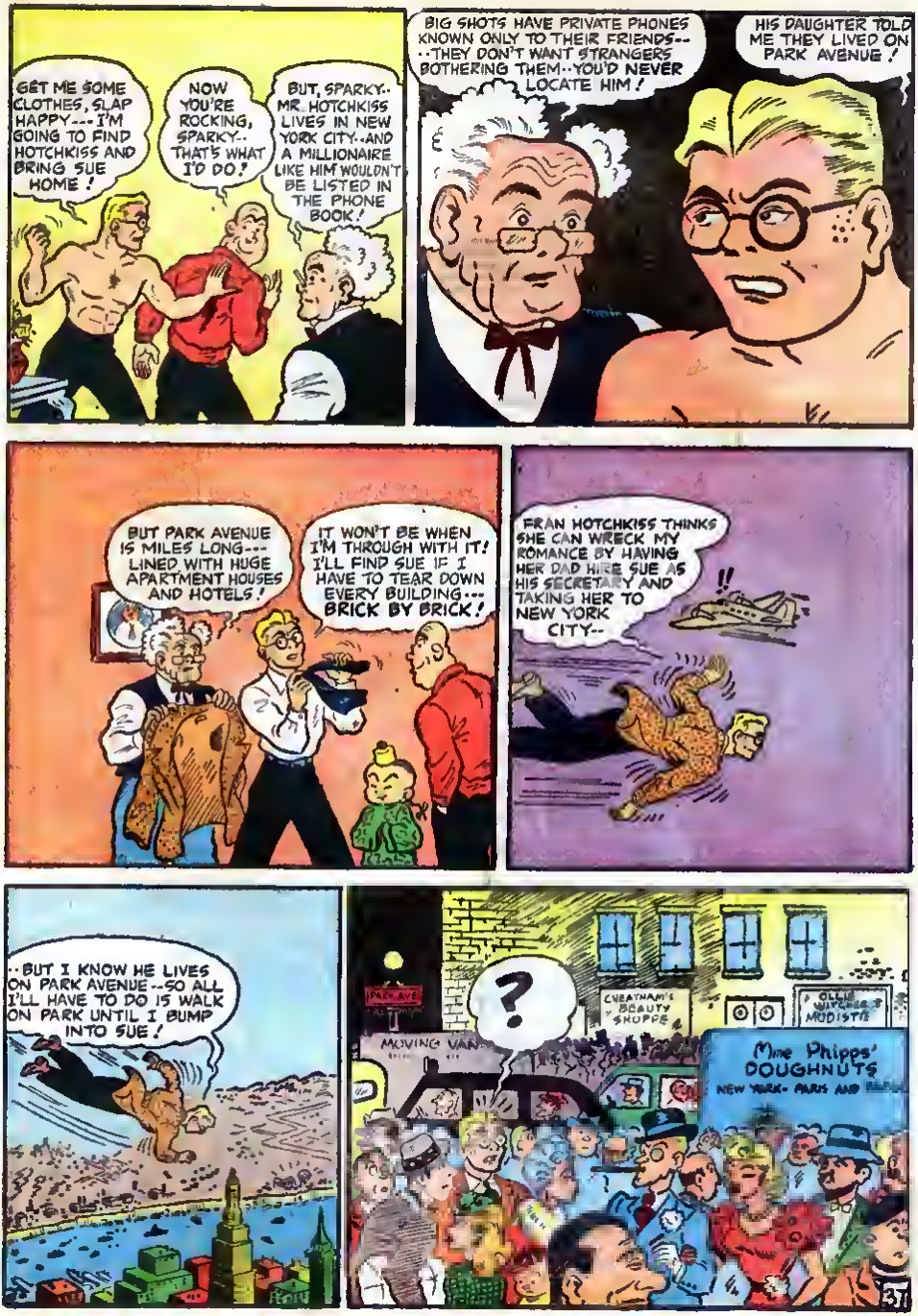
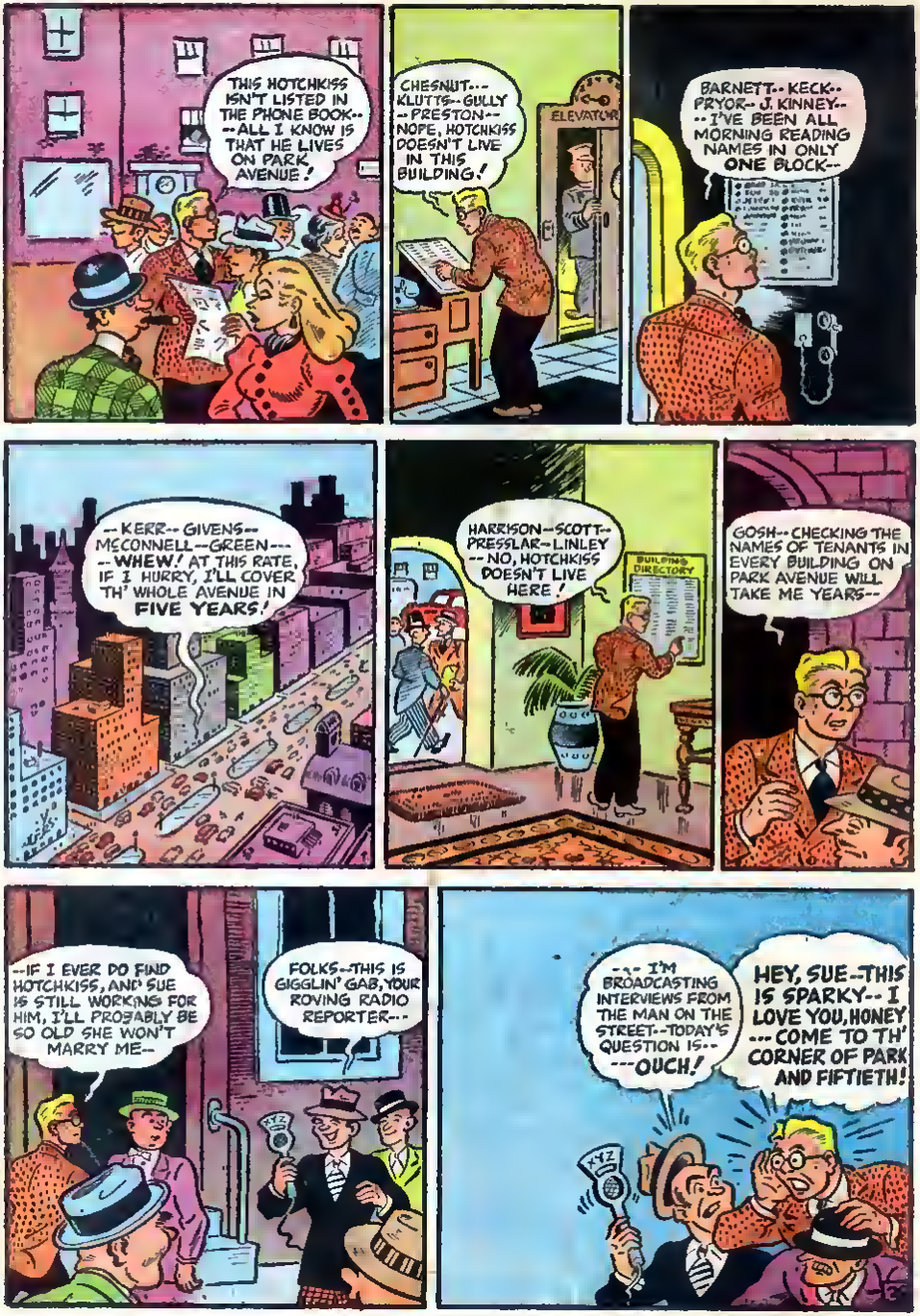
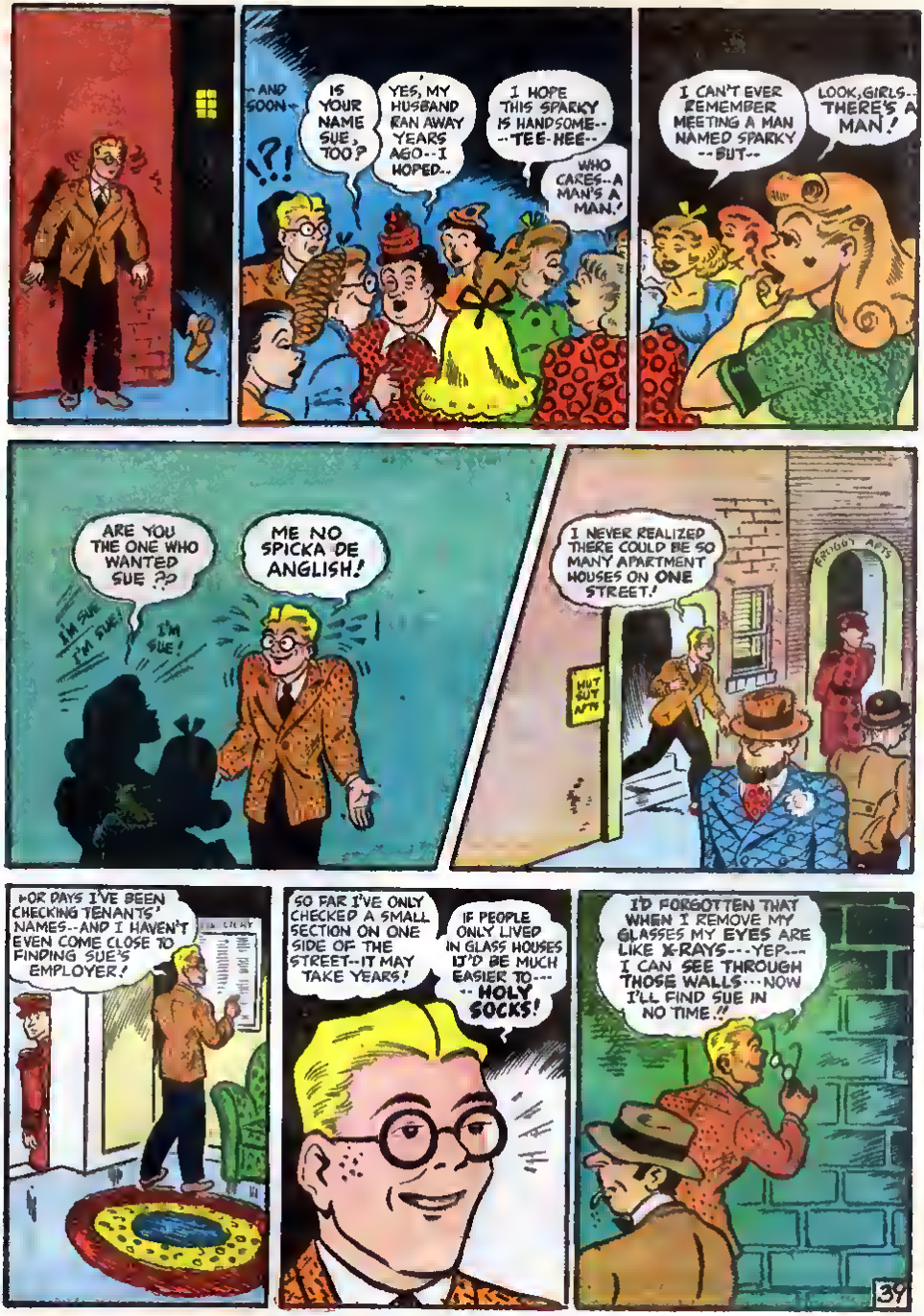
THOSE ST. LOUIS BLUES --DA-DE-DUM-DA
OH, A BLONDE-HEADED WOMAN MAKES A COON-DOG LOSE ITS TRAIL-- BUT A RED-HEADED GAL MAKES A TADPOLE WHIP A WHALE
I NEVER HEARD OF ANY CANNIBALS WHO KNEW THE ST. LOUIS BLUES--BUT I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES--
THROW UP YOUR HANDS OR--I'LL--??
HAMBURGERS
WE DON'T KNOW WHERE MOM IS BUT WE GOT POP ON ICE.
WELL, I'LL BE--A HAMBURGER STAND--ARE THERE OTHER PEOPLE LIVING ON THIS ISLAND??
ISLAND! ARE YOU CRAZY!? THIS IS FLORIDA, U.S.A.!
HAMBUR
FLORIDA?? GOSH-I'VE BEEN LIVING ON A BEACH A MILE FROM HERE FOR THREE WEEKS!!
THIS SECTION AIN'T VERY THICKLY POPULATED--BUT IF YOU'LL FOLLOW THAT HIGHWAY IT'S ONLY TEN MILES TO LEMON CITY!!

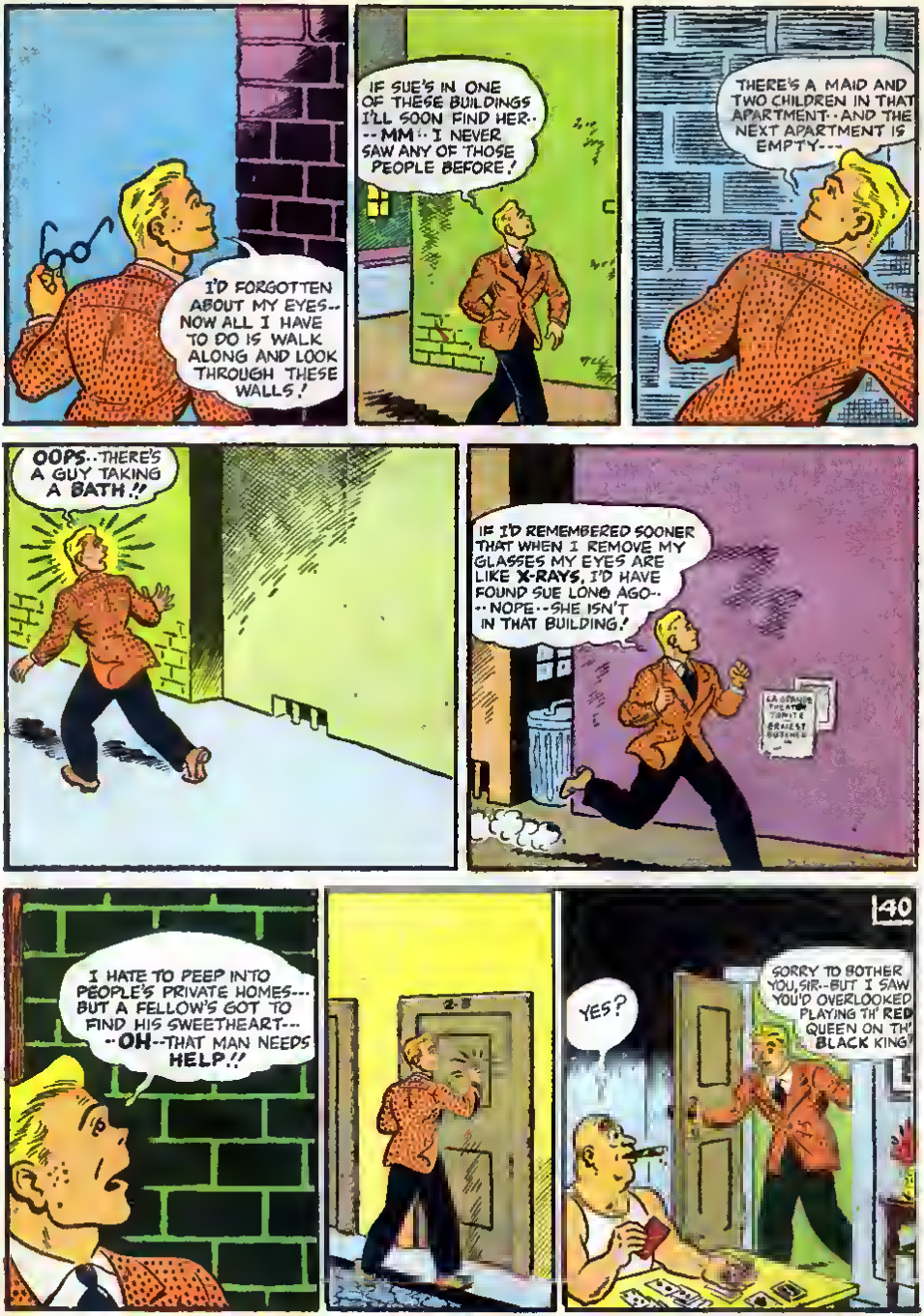

THE JOKE'S ON US--- INSTEAD OF BEING ON AN ISLAND FOR THREE WEEKS WE'VE BEEN LIVING ON A DESOLATE FLORIDA BEACH--
--AND INSTEAD OF CANNIBALS BEATING WAR DRUMS, I FOUND A RADIO PLAYING IN A HAMBURGER STAND BACK ON THE HIGHWAY!
THEN LET'S GO TO THE NEAREST CITY AND GET MARRIED--YOU WILL MARRY ME, SPARKY--PRETTY PLEASE !?
NO, FRAN--I'M GOING TO MARRY SUE BACK HOME--I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE NEAREST TOWN, BUT THEN IT'S GOOD-BYE!
FRAN HOTCHKISS ISN'T JILTED SO EASILY--MY FATHER HAS SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS--AND I'LL MAKE SPARKY MARRY ME IF IT COSTS EVERY CENT.!!
LATER
HELLO, DOC AND SLAP HAPPY --AM I LATE FOR DINNER?
I'LL SAY YOU'RE LATE FOR DINNER, SPARKY--ABOUT TWENTY OF 'EM --WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ??
WHILE I WAS FLYING MY OCEAN PATROL I FOUND TWO GIRLS ON A RAFT--WE WERE WASHED ASHORE-
--WE THOUGHT WE WERE ON A TROPICAL ISLAND.. BUT AFTER THREE WEEKS WE DISCOVERED WE WERE LIVING ON A BEACH IN FLORIDA!
WELL, STRIP MY GEARS AN' CALL ME SHIFTLESS--YOU HAVE ALL TH' FUN!
WHERE'S SUE ? I WANT TO MARRY HER BEFORE SOMETHING ELSE HAPPENS!
WHY--ER--GOSH, SPARKY--WE HEARD YOU WERE DEAD--AND SUE WAS SO BROKEN-HEARTED THAT SHE--ER---ER---


OH, DOC--DON'T TELL ME SHE COMMITTED SUICIDE--OH--
NO, SPARKY, SUE ISN'T DEAD!
WHEW--WHAT A RELIEF! I THOUGHT SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED--WHERE IS SHE, YOO HOO?
ME REGLET TO TELLY YOU THIS, MISSER SPARKLY--
--BUT MISSY SUE GLO AWAY WITH ANOTHER MAN!
GULP!
WHAT!? SUE MARRIED ANOTHER MAN---
NO, SPARKY, SHE DIDN'T MARRY MR. HOTCHKISS!
HOTCHKISS? THAT'S TH' NAME OF ONE OF THE GIRLS I WAS MAROONED WITH--
--FRAN HOTCHKISS!
YES--MR. HOTCHKISS HAD A TELEGRAM FROM HIS DAUGHTER IN FLORIDA--SAID SHE HAD TALKED TO YOU JUST BEFORE YOU DIED AT SEA---
SAID YOUR LAST WISH WAS THAT SUE BE CARED FOR--SO MR. HOTCHKISS HIRED HER FOR HIS SECRETARY!
I SEE IT ALL NOW--FRAN HAS BEEN IN FLORIDA MANY TIMES--SHE RECOGNIZED THE BEACH WE WERE ON---
--SO ONE NIGHT SHE MUSTA SLIPPED AWAY, SENT THE TELEGRAM, AND WAS BACK BEFORE I AWAKENED--WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN!
IT IS WISELY WRITTEN---- --"WHAT FOOD THESE MORSELS BE"---- OR SOMETHING LIKEY THAT!


GET ME SOME CLOTHES, SLAP HAPPY--- I'M GOING TO FIND HOTCHKISS AND BRING SUE HOME !
NOW YOU'RE ROCKING, SPARKY-- THAT'S WHAT I'D DO!
BUT, SPARKY-- MR. HOTCHKISS LIVES IN NEW YORK CITY--AND A MILLIONAIRE LIKE HIM WOULDN'T BE LISTED IN THE PHONE BOOK!
BIG SHOTS HAVE PRIVATE PHONES KNOWN ONLY TO THEIR FRIENDS-- --THEY DON'T WANT STRANGERS BOTHERING THEM--YOU'D NEVER LOCATE HIM!
HIS DAUGHTER TOLD ME THEY LIVED ON PARK AVENUE !
BUT PARK AVENUE IS MILES LONG--- LINED WITH HUGE APARTMENT HOUSES AND HOTELS!
IT WON'T BE WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH IT! I'LL FIND SUE IF I HAVE TO TEAR DOWN EVERY BUILDING--- BRICK BY BRICK!
FRAN HOTCHKISS THINKS SHE CAN WRECK MY ROMANCE BY HAVING HER DAD HIRE SUE AS HIS SECRETARY AND TAKING HER TO NEW YORK CITY--
!!
--BUT I KNOW HE LIVES ON PARK AVENUE--SO ALL I'LL HAVE TO DO IS WALK ON PARK UNTIL I BUMP INTO SUE!
PARK AVE
?
CYBATHAN'S BEAUTY SHOPPE
OLLIE WITCHER'S MODISTE
MOVING VAN
Mme Phipps' DOUGHNUTS
NEW YORK- PARIS AND


THIS HOTCHKISS ISN'T LISTED IN THE PHONE BOOK-- --ALL I KNOW IS THAT HE LIVES ON PARK AVENUE!
CHESNUT--- KLUTTS--GULLY --PRESTON--- NOPE, HOTCHKISS DOESN'T LIVE IN THIS BUILDING!
ELEVATOR
BARNETT--KECK-- PRYOR--J. KINNEY-- --I'VE BEEN ALL MORNING READING NAMES IN ONLY ONE BLOCK---
---KERR--GIVENS-- MCCONNELL--GREEN--- --WHEW! AT THIS RATE, IF I HURRY, I'LL COVER TH' WHOLE AVENUE IN FIVE YEARS!
HARRISON--SCOTT-- PRESSLAR--LINLEY --NO, HOTCHKISS DOESN'T LIVE HERE!
BUILDING DIRECTORY
GOSH--CHECKING THE NAMES OF TENANTS IN EVERY BUILDING ON PARK AVENUE WILL TAKE ME YEARS---
---IF I EVER DO FIND HOTCHKISS, AN' SUE IS STILL WORKING FOR HIM, I'LL PROBABLY BE SO OLD SHE WON'T MARRY ME--
FOLKS--THIS IS GIGGLIN' GAB, YOUR ROVING RADIO REPORTER---
XYZ
---I'M BROADCASTING INTERVIEWS FROM THE MAN ON THE STREET--TODAY'S QUESTION IS--- ---OUCH!
HEY, SUE--THIS IS SPARKY--I LOVE YOU, HONEY --- COME TO TH' CORNER OF PARK AND FIFTIETH!


AND SOON--
!?!
IS YOUR NAME SUE, TOO?
YES, MY HUSBAND RAN AWAY YEARS AGO--I HOPED--
I HOPE THIS SPARKY IS HANDSOME--
--TEE-HEE--
WHO CARES--A MAN'S A MAN!
I CAN'T EVER REMEMBER MEETING A MAN NAMED SPARKY --BUT--
LOOK, GIRLS-- THERE'S A MAN!
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO WANTED SUE ??
I'M SUE! I'M SUE! I'M SUE!
ME NO SPICKA DE ANGLISH!
I NEVER REALIZED THERE COULD BE SO MANY APARTMENT HOUSES ON ONE STREET!
HUT SUT APTS
FROGGY APTS
FOR DAYS I'VE BEEN CHECKING TENANTS' NAMES--AND I HAVEN'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO FINDING SUE'S EMPLOYER!
SO FAR I'VE ONLY CHECKED A SMALL SECTION ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET--IT MAY TAKE YEARS!
IF PEOPLE ONLY LIVED IN GLASS HOUSES IT'D BE MUCH EASIER TO--- -- HOLY SOCKS!
I'D FORGOTTEN THAT WHEN I REMOVE MY GLASSES MY EYES ARE LIKE X-RAYS---YEP--- I CAN SEE THROUGH THOSE WALLS---NOW I'LL FIND SUE IN NO TIME.!!


I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT MY EYES-- NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WALK ALONG AND LOOK THROUGH THESE WALLS!
IF SUE'S IN ONE OF THESE BUILDINGS I'LL SOON FIND HER-- --MM-- I NEVER SAW ANY OF THOSE PEOPLE BEFORE!
THERE'S A MAID AND TWO CHILDREN IN THAT APARTMENT--AND THE NEXT APARTMENT IS EMPTY---
OOPS--THERE'S A GUY TAKING A BATH!!
IF I'D REMEMBERED SOONER THAT WHEN I REMOVE MY GLASSES MY EYES ARE LIKE X-RAYS, I'D HAVE FOUND SUE LONG AGO-- --NOPE--SHE ISN'T IN THAT BUILDING!
I HATE TO PEEP INTO PEOPLE'S PRIVATE HOMES--- BUT A FELLOW'S GOT TO FIND HIS SWEETHEART--- --OH--THAT MAN NEEDS HELP!!
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YES?
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, SIR--BUT I SAW YOU'D OVERLOOKED PLAYING TH' RED QUEEN ON TH' BLACK KING!

SPARKY FOUND THAT SEARCHING EVERY BUILDING IN NEW YORK CITY FOR HIS SWEETHEART WAS A HOPELESS TASK--BUT SUDDENLY, HE REMEMBERED THAT WHEN HE REMOVED HIS GLASSES HIS EYES WERE LIKE X-RAYS.
--SO NOW, HIS PENETRATING GAZE SEES EVERY PERSON IN EACH BUILDING HE PASSES--
IT ISN'T NICE TO PEEP INTO PRIVATE HOMES--BUT ALL IS FAIR IN LOVE--I'VE GOTTA FIND SUE!
MM--THERE'S A BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THAT APARTMENT--BUT SHE'D LOOK MUCH NICER IN PASTEL --THAT DRESS IS TOO BLUE!
BUT I'VE GOTTA KEEP MOVING-- --SUE'S NOT IN THERE!
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT TOO MUCH BLUE?
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A COMMON OL' BROWN STONE WALL TO ME!!
NOPE--I DON'T SEE SUE IN THAT BUILDING --SAY-- THERE'S TROUBLE IN THAT UPPER REAR APARTMENT!
I HATE TO TAKE TIME WHILE I'M LOOKING FOR SUE-- --BUT I CAN'T PASS A MAN BY WHO NEEDS HELP!
HERE'S A TOWEL--- I SAW YOU HAD SOAP IN YOUR EYES AND COULDN'T FIND ONE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT MY WIFE-- SHE'S TH'---- ??
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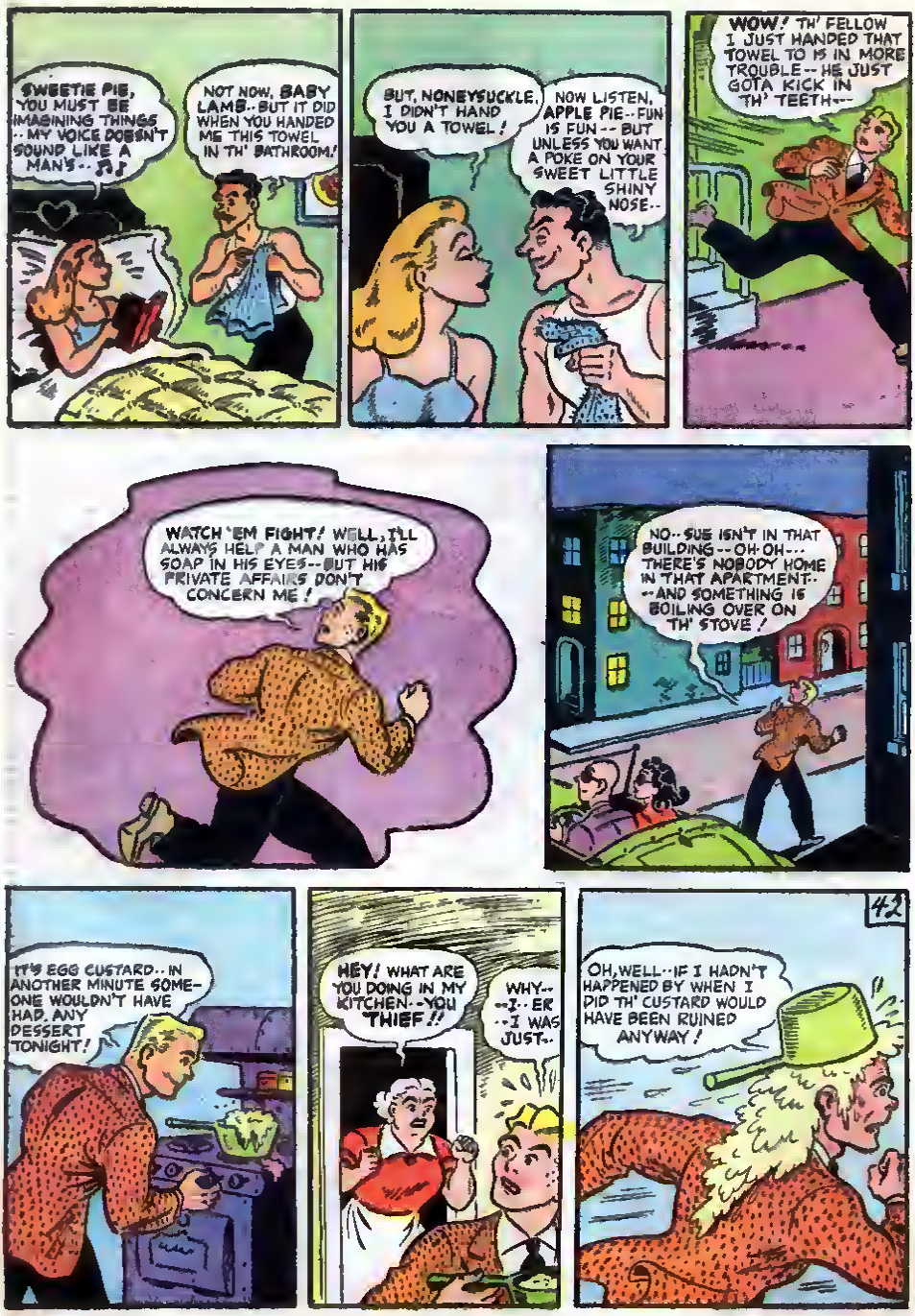
HONEY PIE, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR LITTLE THROAT? YOU SOUNDED JUST LIKE A MAN!
WHY, SUGAR FOOT WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN?


SWEETIE PIE, YOU MUST BE IMAGINING THINGS -- MY VOICE DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A MAN'S -- ♫♪
NOT NOW, BABY LAMB -- BUT IT DID WHEN YOU HANDED ME THIS TOWEL IN TH' BATHROOM!
BUT, HONEYSUCKLE, I DIDN'T HAND YOU A TOWEL!
NOW LISTEN, APPLE PIE -- FUN IS FUN -- BUT UNLESS YOU WANT A POKE ON YOUR SWEET LITTLE SHINY NOSE --
WOW! TH' FELLOW I JUST HANDED THAT TOWEL TO IS IN MORE TROUBLE -- HE JUST GOTA KICK IN TH' TEETH ---
WATCH 'EM FIGHT! WELL, I'LL ALWAYS HELP A MAN WHO HAS SOAP IN HIS EYES -- BUT HIS PRIVATE AFFAIRS DON'T CONCERN ME!
NO -- SUE ISN'T IN THAT BUILDING -- OH-OH -- THERE'S NOBODY HOME IN THAT APARTMENT -- -- AND SOMETHING IS BOILING OVER ON TH' STOVE!
IT'S EGG CUSTARD -- IN ANOTHER MINUTE SOME-ONE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ANY DESSERT TONIGHT!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY KITCHEN -- YOU THIEF!!
WHY -- -- I -- ER -- I WAS JUST --
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OH, WELL -- IF I HADN'T HAPPENED BY WHEN I DID TH' CUSTARD WOULD HAVE BEEN RUINED ANYWAY!

UGH--WHAT A NASTY TEMPER THAT LADY HAD--
--SLAPPING ME WITH A PAN OF EGG CUSTARD--
--AH, THERE'S A MAN ALONE IN ROOM 3-B!
I'LL FIND OUT HIS NAME FROM THE TENANT'S DIRECTORY!
MR. BAILY, MAY I USE YOUR BATHTUB?
3-B
Z-Z --Z--- SURE-- --SURE-- ZZ
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?!?
ER--PARDON ME--BUT --ER--I DON'T SEEM TO REMEMBER YOUR FACE-- --DO YOU LIVE NEXT DOOR??
NO, SIR--I DON'T EVEN LIVE IN THIS CITY-- I'M ONLY IN TOWN ON AN ERRAND!
WHEW! I'VE LOOKED FOR SUE UNTIL MY EYES FEEL LIKE PEELED ONIONS INSTEAD OF X-RAYS!
BUY U.S. DEFENSE BONDS
IF I DON'T FIND HER SOON MY EYES WILL BE SO WEAK I CAN'T SEE THROUGH THESE WALLS -- BUT IF I EVER DO FIND SUE I'LL NEVER LOOSE HER AGAIN---
--WE'LL BE MARRIED AT ONCE----OH--- --THERE SHE IS IN THAT FIFTH FLOOR OFFICE---HOORAY! MY TROUBLES ARE OVER---
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W-WHAT TH'--- --THAT MAN WHO JUST CAME IN--- -- H--HE'S KISSIN' HER!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT--THAT'S SUE IN THAT FIFTH FLOOR OFFICE ALL RIGHT--AND SHE'S LETTING A MAN KISS HER!
SHE'S GOT A PERFECT RIGHT TO FALL IN LOVE AGAIN- SHE THINKS I'M DEAD--I CAN'T EXPECT HER TO REMAIN TRUE TO A MEMORY--
--BUT I'M SURPRISED SHE'D PICK OUT A GUY TO TAKE MY PLACE WHO LOOKS OLD ENOUGH TO BE MY FATHER!
YOU'D THINK SHE'D AT LEAST CHOOSE A MAN YOUNG ENOUGH TO WHISPER "I LOVE YOU" THROUGH HIS OWN TEETH!!
GOULASH LIKE MOTHER USED TO MAKE AT BOOKER'S BEANERY
GOSH--SUE THINKS I'M DEAD--SO IF I SHOWED UP NOW, AND IF SHE'S ALREADY MARRIED TO THAT OLD MAN, I'D ONLY CAUSE HER MORE UNHAPPINESS--
!
HE'S PROBABLY RICH AND CAN BUY HER BEAUTIFUL THINGS LIKE SHE DESERVES--AND I'M JUST A POOR MAN--WHAT SHOULD I DO??
MISTER, I OVERHEARD YOU TALKING TO YOURSELF--IF YOU LOVE A GIRL YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE RICH---
!!
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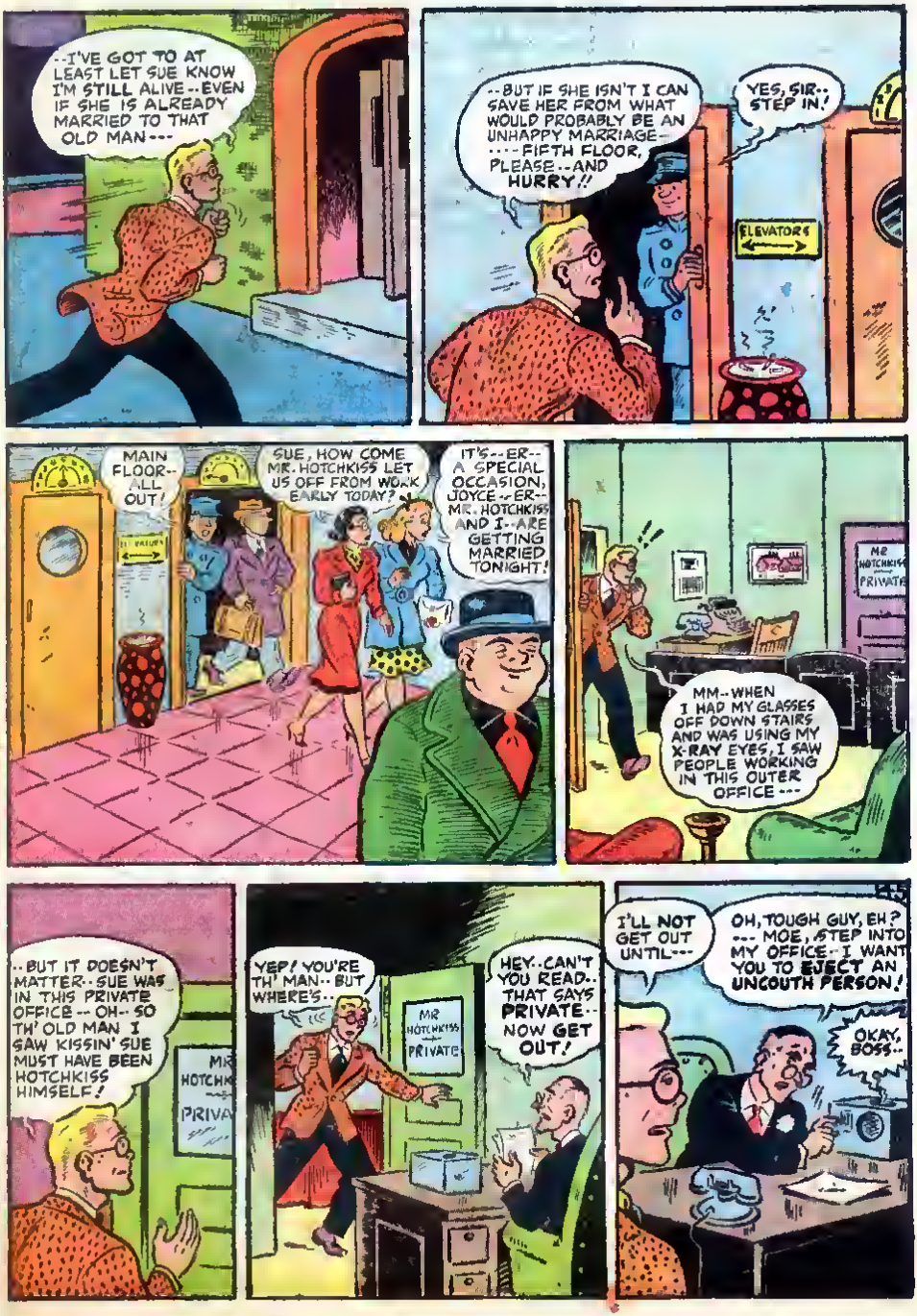
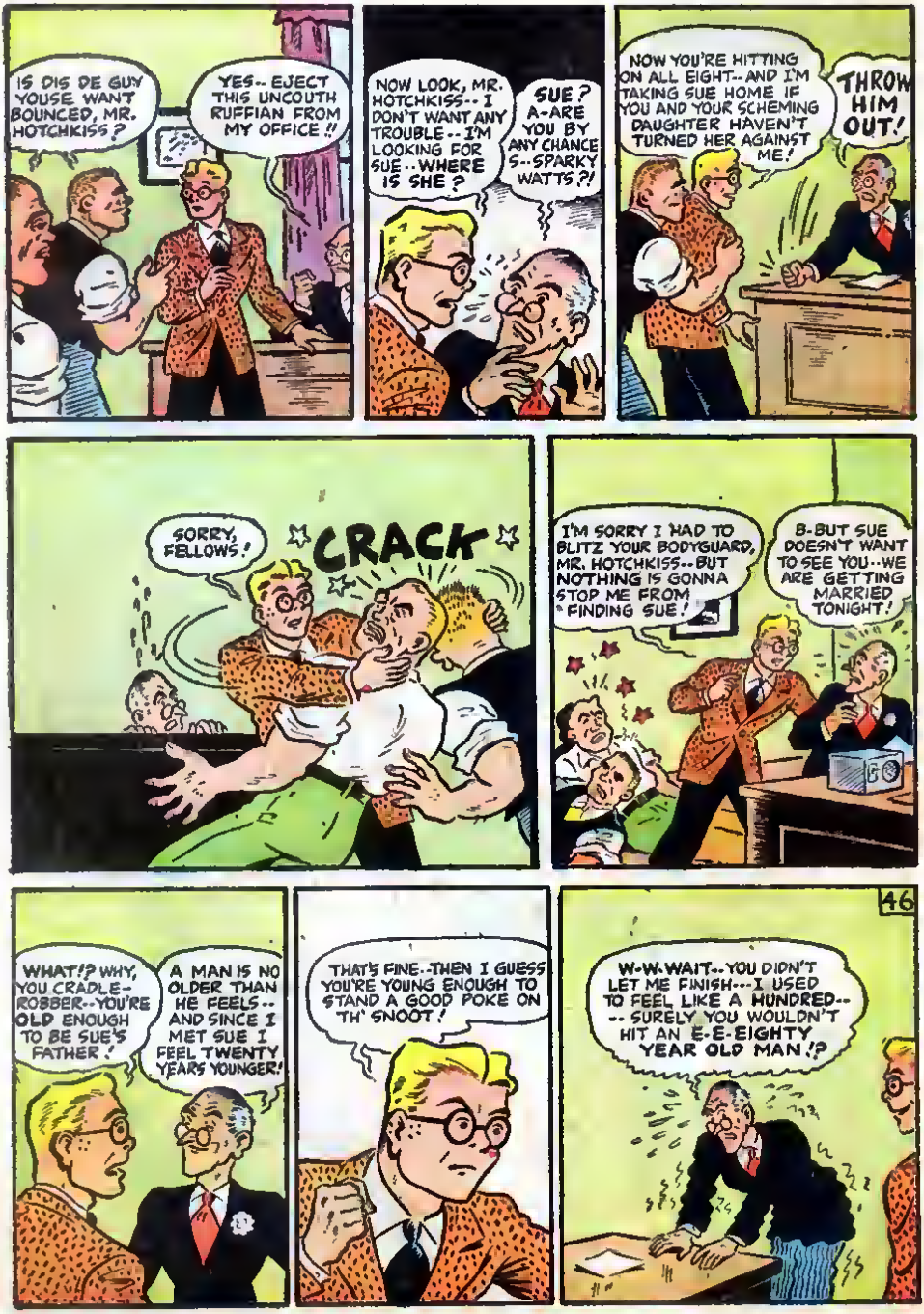
REMEMBER, TWO CAN LIVE AS CHEAPLY AS ONE--- ALMOST.' SO IF YOU'RE REALLY UNDECIDED, WHY DON'T YOU TOSS A COIN!?
THAT'S JUST TH' TROUBLE--I DON'T EVEN HAVE A COIN!!


--I'VE GOT TO AT LEAST LET SUE KNOW I'M STILL ALIVE--EVEN IF SHE IS ALREADY MARRIED TO THAT OLD MAN---
--BUT IF SHE ISN'T I CAN SAVE HER FROM WHAT WOULD PROBABLY BE AN UNHAPPY MARRIAGE---FIFTH FLOOR, PLEASE--AND HURRY!!
YES, SIR--STEP IN!
ELEVATORS
MAIN FLOOR--ALL OUT!
SUE, HOW COME MR. HOTCHKISS LET US OFF FROM WORK EARLY TODAY?
IT'S--ER--A SPECIAL OCCASION, JOYCE--ER--MR. HOTCHKISS AND I--ARE GETTING MARRIED TONIGHT!
MM--WHEN I HAD MY GLASSES OFF DOWN STAIRS AND WAS USING MY X-RAY EYES, I SAW PEOPLE WORKING IN THIS OUTER OFFICE---
--BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER--SUE WAS IN THIS PRIVATE OFFICE--OH--SO TH' OLD MAN I SAW KISSIN' SUE MUST HAVE BEEN HOTCHKISS HIMSELF!
YEP! YOU'RE TH' MAN--BUT WHERE'S--
MR HOTCHKISS PRIVATE
HEY--CAN'T YOU READ--THAT SAYS PRIVATE--NOW GET OUT!
I'LL NOT GET OUT UN'TIL---
OH, TOUGH GUY, EH? --- MOE, STEP INTO MY OFFICE--I WANT YOU TO EJECT AN UNCOUTH PERSON!
OKAY, BOSS--


IS DIS DE GUY YOUSE WANT BOUNCED, MR. HOTCHKISS?
YES-- EJECT THIS UNCOUTH RUFFIAN FROM MY OFFICE!!
NOW LOOK, MR. HOTCHKISS-- I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE-- I'M LOOKING FOR SUE--WHERE IS SHE?
SUE? A-ARE YOU BY ANY CHANCE S--SPARKY WATTS?!
NOW YOU'RE HITTING ON ALL EIGHT--AND I'M TAKING SUE HOME IF YOU AND YOUR SCHEMING DAUGHTER HAVEN'T TURNED HER AGAINST ME!
THROW HIM OUT!
SORRY, FELLOWS!
CRACK
I'M SORRY I HAD TO BLITZ YOUR BODYGUARD, MR. HOTCHKISS--BUT NOTHING IS GONNA STOP ME FROM FINDING SUE!
B-BUT SUE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE YOU--WE ARE GETTING MARRIED TONIGHT!
WHAT!? WHY, YOU CRADLE-ROBBER--YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO BE SUE'S FATHER!
A MAN IS NO OLDER THAN HE FEELS--AND SINCE I MET SUE I FEEL TWENTY YEARS YOUNGER!
THAT'S FINE--THEN I GUESS YOU'RE YOUNG ENOUGH TO STAND A GOOD POKE ON TH' SNOOT!
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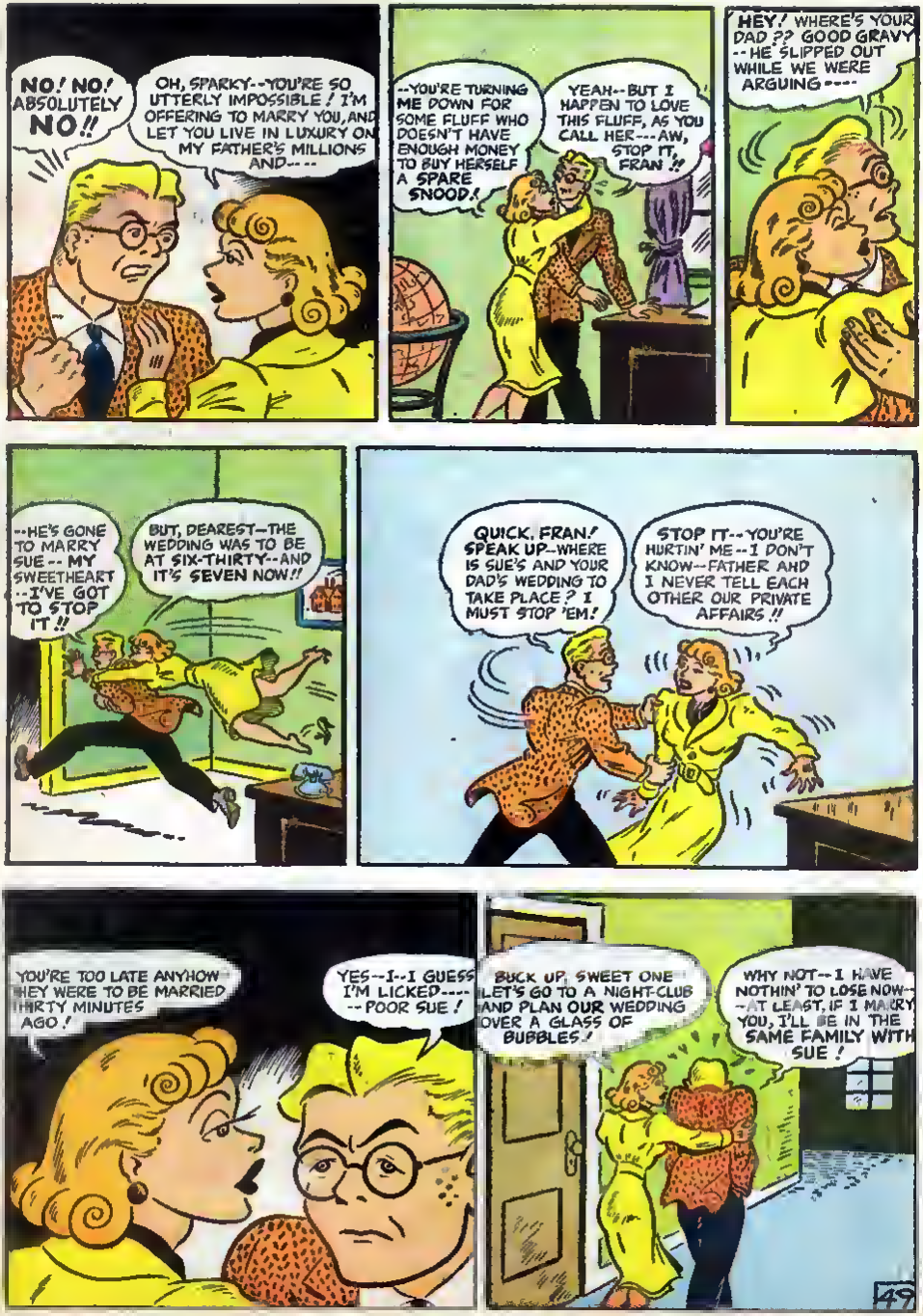
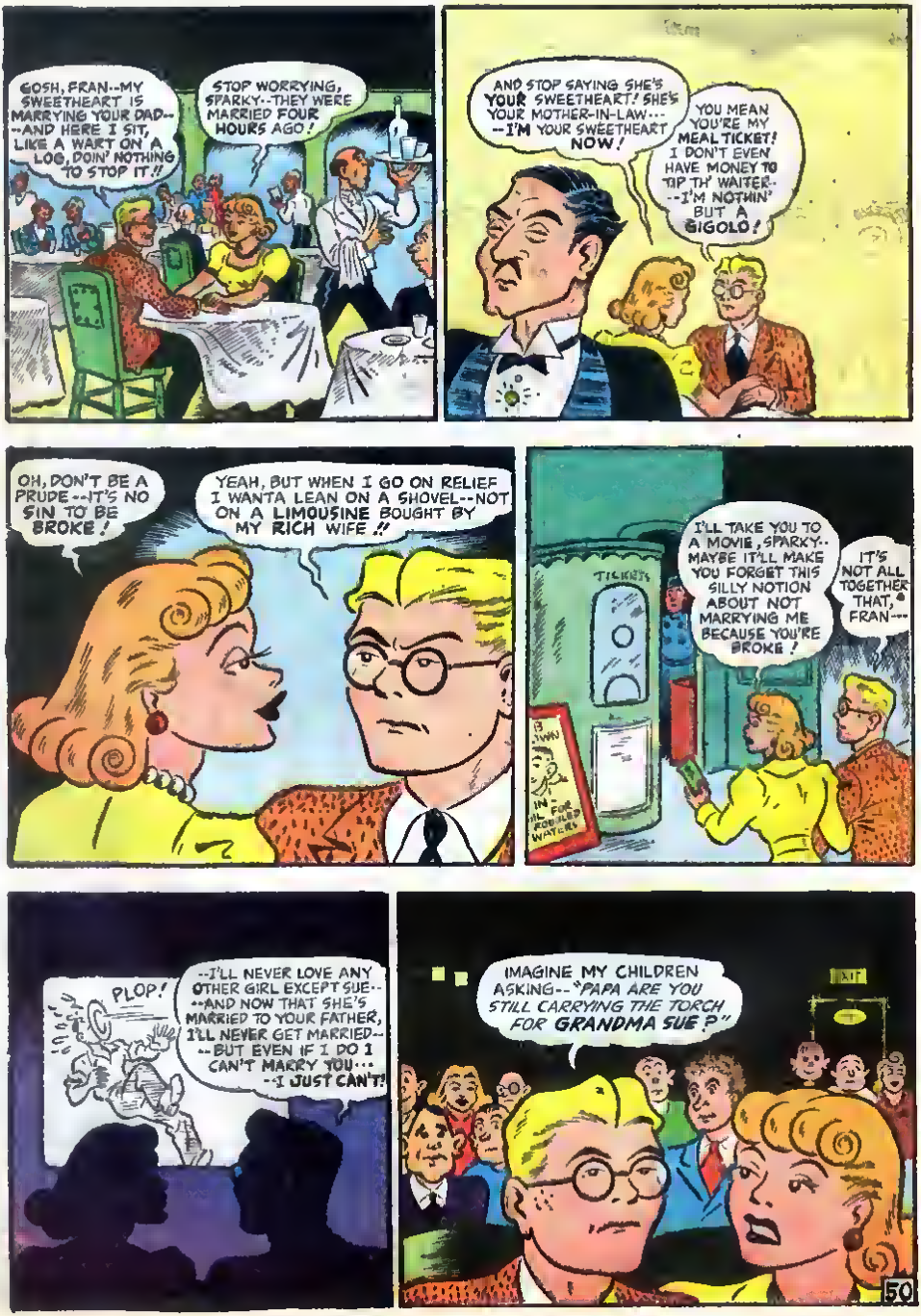
W-W-WAIT--YOU DIDN'T LET ME FINISH---I USED TO FEEL LIKE A HUNDRED--- SURELY YOU WOULDN'T HIT AN E-E-EIGHTY YEAR OLD MAN!?

--HOTCHKISS, YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED--TRYING TO MARRY A YOUNG GIRL LIKE SUE!
SUE'S NINETEEN! SHE'S OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW HER OWN MIND!
SURE--BUT SHE LOVED ME--AND SINCE YOU TOLD HER I WAS DEAD SHE PROBABLY DOESN'T CARE NOW WHAT HAPPENS---
..AND YOU WOULDN'T BE A MILLIONAIRE UNLESS YOU WERE A GOOD SALESMAN--SO NO DOUBT YOU'VE SOLD HER A LINE A MILE WIDE!
B--BUT--BUT, MR. WATTS--I---
NO BUTS ABOUT IT--TELL ME WHERE SUE IS--OR, SO HELP ME HANNAH, I'LL TEAR YOU UP WORSE THAN A PIG'S BED!!
--BUT, MR. WATTS--I'M VERY WEALTHY--I CAN DO MUCH FOR SUE--AND SHE'LL BRIGHTEN THE LIFE OF A LONELY OLD MAN---
I WON'T LIVE FOREVER--AFTER I'M GONE YOU CAN MARRY SUE AND LIVE HAPPILY ON SUE'S INHERITANCE!
AND WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO IN TH' MEANTIME--GO SOAK MY HEAD IN A BARREL OF BUTTERMILK??
YOU CAN MARRY FRAN, MY DAUGHTER--SHE'S INFATUATED WITH YOU--THEN, WHEN I DIE, DIVORCE FRAN AND MARRY SUE--ISN'T THAT SIMPLE?
WHAT!? WHY, YOU OLD REPROBATE! I'D BE MARRYING MY MOTHER-IN-LAW!!

HOTCHKISS, I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU--BUT I'LL NOT STAND CALMLY BY AND LET YOU MARRY MY SWEETHEART --WHERE IS SHE!?
S-SHE'S PROBABLY ON HER WAY TO A CERTAIN CHURCH-- IT'S SIX O'CLOCK--- OUR WEDDING IS TO BE AT SIX-THIRTY!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK YOU WON'T GET ANY RICE DOWN YOUR NECK THIS NIGHT!!
MR. WATTS, YOU CAN'T INTIMIDATE ME--I'LL NOT ALLOW YOU TO WRECK MY ROMANCE--
..NOW STEP ASIDE--LET ME GO IN PEACE!!
YOU MEAN IN PIECES.
ONE FOR TH' MONEY-- TWO FOR TH' SHOW-- --TELL ME WHERE SUE IS--OR DOWN YOU GO!
YIPE!!
OH-H-- SPARKY! FATHER!?
FRAN..SAVE ME..H-HE'S STARK MAD!!
SPARKY! PLEASE DON'T KILL MY FATHER--- --PLEASE!!
AW, I'M NOT GONNA DROP HIM--I'M ONLY TRYING TO FRIGHTEN HIM INTO TELLING ME WHERE SUE IS!
SPARKY, DARLING-- FORGET ABOUT SUE --MARRY ME--DAD WILL BUY YOU A YACHT--WE'LL HONEYMOON IN HAWAII!
OH, GOODY! CAN I HAVE A SAILOR SUIT TOO-- ---- RATS! YOU GIVE ME A PAIN!
LOVE ISN'T BOUGHT BY TH' POUND--IT'S A COMMODITY EVEN POOR FOLKS CAN AFFORD!!
BUT, SPARKY..
WHILE THEY'RE ARGUING I'LL SLIP AWAY--I'M DUE TO MARRY SUE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES!


NO! NO! ABSOLUTELY NO!!
OH, SPARKY--YOU'RE SO UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE! I'M OFFERING TO MARRY YOU, AND LET YOU LIVE IN LUXURY ON MY FATHER'S MILLIONS AND----
--YOU'RE TURNING ME DOWN FOR SOME FLUFF WHO DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY HERSELF A SPARE SNOOD!
YEAH--BUT I HAPPEN TO LOVE THIS FLUFF, AS YOU CALL HER---AW, STOP IT, FRAN!!
HEY! WHERE'S YOUR DAD?? GOOD GRAVY--HE SLIPPED OUT WHILE WE WERE ARGUING----
--HE'S GONE TO MARRY SUE--MY SWEETHEART--I'VE GOT TO STOP IT!!
BUT, DEAREST--THE WEDDING WAS TO BE AT SIX-THIRTY--AND IT'S SEVEN NOW!!
QUICK, FRAN! SPEAK UP--WHERE IS SUE'S AND YOUR DAD'S WEDDING TO TAKE PLACE? I MUST STOP 'EM!
STOP IT--YOU'RE HURTIN' ME--I DON'T KNOW--FATHER AND I NEVER TELL EACH OTHER OUR PRIVATE AFFAIRS!!
YOU'RE TOO LATE ANYHOW--THEY WERE TO BE MARRIED THIRTY MINUTES AGO!
YES--I--I GUESS I'M LICKED---POOR SUE!
BUCK UP, SWEET ONE--LET'S GO TO A NIGHT-CLUB AND PLAN OUR WEDDING OVER A GLASS OF BUBBLES!
WHY NOT--I HAVE NOTHIN' TO LOSE NOW--AT LEAST, IF I MARRY YOU, I'LL BE IN THE SAME FAMILY WITH SUE!


GOSH, FRAN--MY SWEETHEART IS MARRYING YOUR DAD--
--AND HERE I SIT, LIKE A WART ON A LOG, DOIN' NOTHING TO STOP IT!!
STOP WORRYING, SPARKY--THEY WERE MARRIED FOUR HOURS AGO!
AND STOP SAYING SHE'S YOUR SWEETHEART! SHE'S YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW···
--I'M YOUR SWEETHEART NOW!
YOU MEAN YOU'RE MY MEAL TICKET! I DON'T EVEN HAVE MONEY TO TIP TH' WAITER--
--I'M NOTHIN' BUT A GIGOLO!
OH, DON'T BE A PRUDE--IT'S NO SIN TO BE BROKE!
YEAH, BUT WHEN I GO ON RELIEF I WANTA LEAN ON A SHOVEL--NOT ON A LIMOUSINE BOUGHT BY MY RICH WIFE!!
TICKETS
I'LL TAKE YOU TO A MOVIE, SPARKY.. MAYBE IT'LL MAKE YOU FORGET THIS SILLY NOTION ABOUT NOT MARRYING ME BECAUSE YOU'RE BROKE!
IT'S NOT ALL TOGETHER THAT, FRAN---
PLOP!
--I'LL NEVER LOVE ANY OTHER GIRL EXCEPT SUE··
··AND NOW THAT SHE'S MARRIED TO YOUR FATHER, I'LL NEVER GET MARRIED--
--BUT EVEN IF I DO I CAN'T MARRY YOU···
--I JUST CAN'T!
IMAGINE MY CHILDREN ASKING--"PAPA ARE YOU STILL CARRYING THE TORCH FOR GRANDMA SUE?"
EXIT
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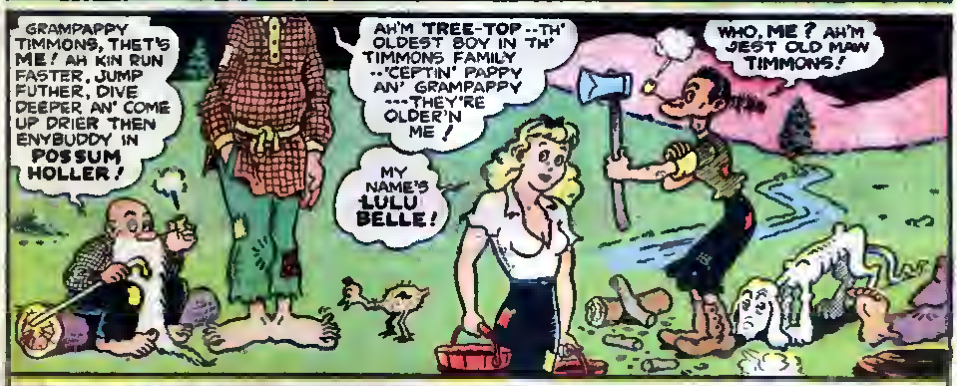
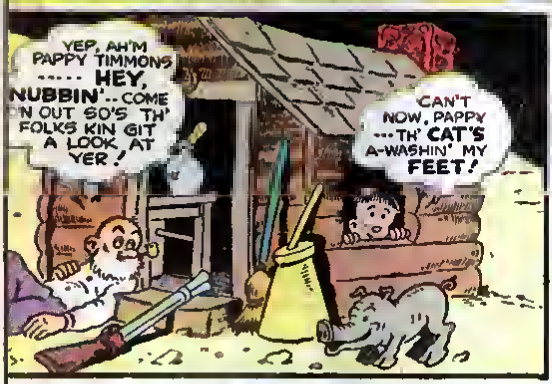
SPARKY, SWEET--FORGET ABOUT SUE AND MY FATHER! THAT'S PAST---THINK OF OUR FUTURE!!
NO, FRAN--I CAN'T MARRY YOU! WHEN YOUR DAD MARRIED SUE HE BARRED THE GATE ON MY HEART--I'LL NEVER LOVE AGAIN!
OH, YOU SOUND LIKE A BROKEN RECORD--YOU--YOU ABSURD ICEBERG--YOU--STICK IN TH' MUD
BURL
GIRLS-AND MY GIRL
BAR GRILL
CHOP SUEY
YOU DON'T DESERVE A WIFE--YOU'RE NOT A MAN--YOU'RE NOT EVEN A MOUSE---YOU'RE A RAT!!
LISTEN YOU: I WOULDN'T SPANK A BRAT WHO DIDN'T BELONG TO ME---
--SO I'M GONNA MARRY YOU AN' MAKE IT LEGAL--I'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO CALL ME NAMES!
MARRIAGE LICENSE
HEY! OPEN UP--WE WANT A MARRIAGE LICENSE!
YOU'RE A SHADE LATE, FOLKS--TH' LICENSE BUREAU HAS CLOSED FOR TH' NIGHT!
WELL, OPEN UP AGAIN---I'LL PAY EXTRA--I'M FRAN HOTCHKISS!
I DON'T WORK HERE--I'M A NEWSPAPER REPORTER--ARE YOU THE DAUGHTER OF HOTCHKISS, THE BIG MONKEY WRENCH AND BUTTER-KNIFE MANUFACTURER?
YES--WHY?
THEN MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHY HIS BRIDE-TO-BE LEFT HIM WAITING ON THE CHURCH STEPS!?
WHAT! SUE DIDN'T GET MARRIED!
HEY! YUH BIG APE! WHAT'S TH' IDEA OF KISSIN' ME!?
SPARKY! COME BACK!!

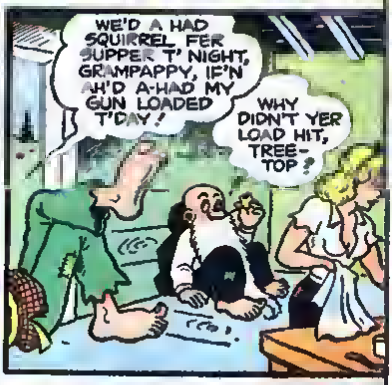
LONG DISTANCE--GIVE ME DOC STATIC IN APPLEDALE--HURRY!
DOC? THIS IS SPARKY! I'M STILL SEARCHING FOR SUE--BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED TODAY AND I THOUGHT SHE MIGHT HAVE RETURNED HOME!
NOT YET, SPARKY--BUT SHE SENT A TELEGRAM SAYING SHE'D BE IN ON TONIGHT'S TRAIN---
--AND--HELLO--HELLO, SPARKY--AW, RATS! WE'VE BEEN CUT OFF---
OPERATOR, I WAS TALKING T. NEW YORK AND I WAS DISCONNECTED--
IT'S OKAY, DOC--I JUST HUNG UP--LET'S GO MEET TH' TRAIN!
SUE, DARLIN'--I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN--
SPARKY--SPARKY DEAREST--I--I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!
APPLEDALE
THAT WAS A LIE CONCOCTED BY FRAN HOTCHKISS--TO KEEP YOU AND ME APART!
HOLD ME TIGHT, SWEETHEART--I'M AFRAID SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN AND I'LL LOSE YOU AGAIN!
F!
DON'T WORRY, HONEY--I'M NOT LETTING YOU OUT OF MY ARMS UNTIL WE'RE MARRIED!!
OH--I'M SO HAPPY--BOO-HOO HOO--
I DON'T GET IT!? SHE SAYS SHE'S HAPPY--AND THEN START BAWLING!
IT VELLY SIMPLE--MISSY SUE JUST LIKE YOU---ONLY DIFFERENT---YOU SLAP HAPPY--HER HUG HAPPY!!
SPARKY WATTS
APPEARS EACH MONTH IN "BIG SHOT COMICS"

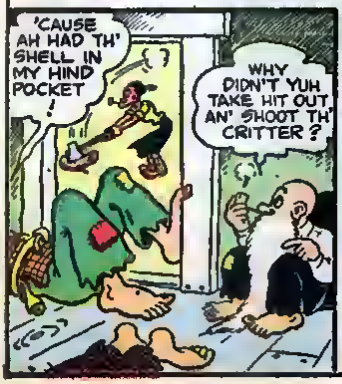
TREE-TOP TIMMONS

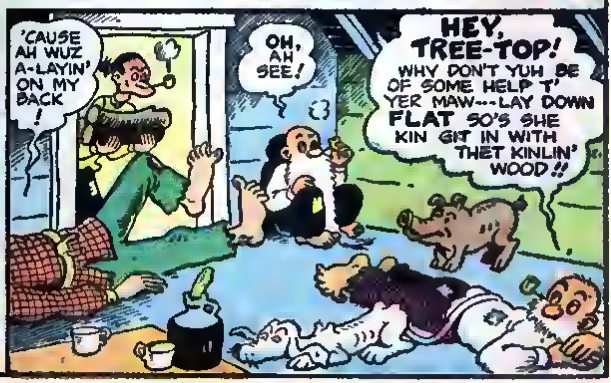
By Boody Rogers

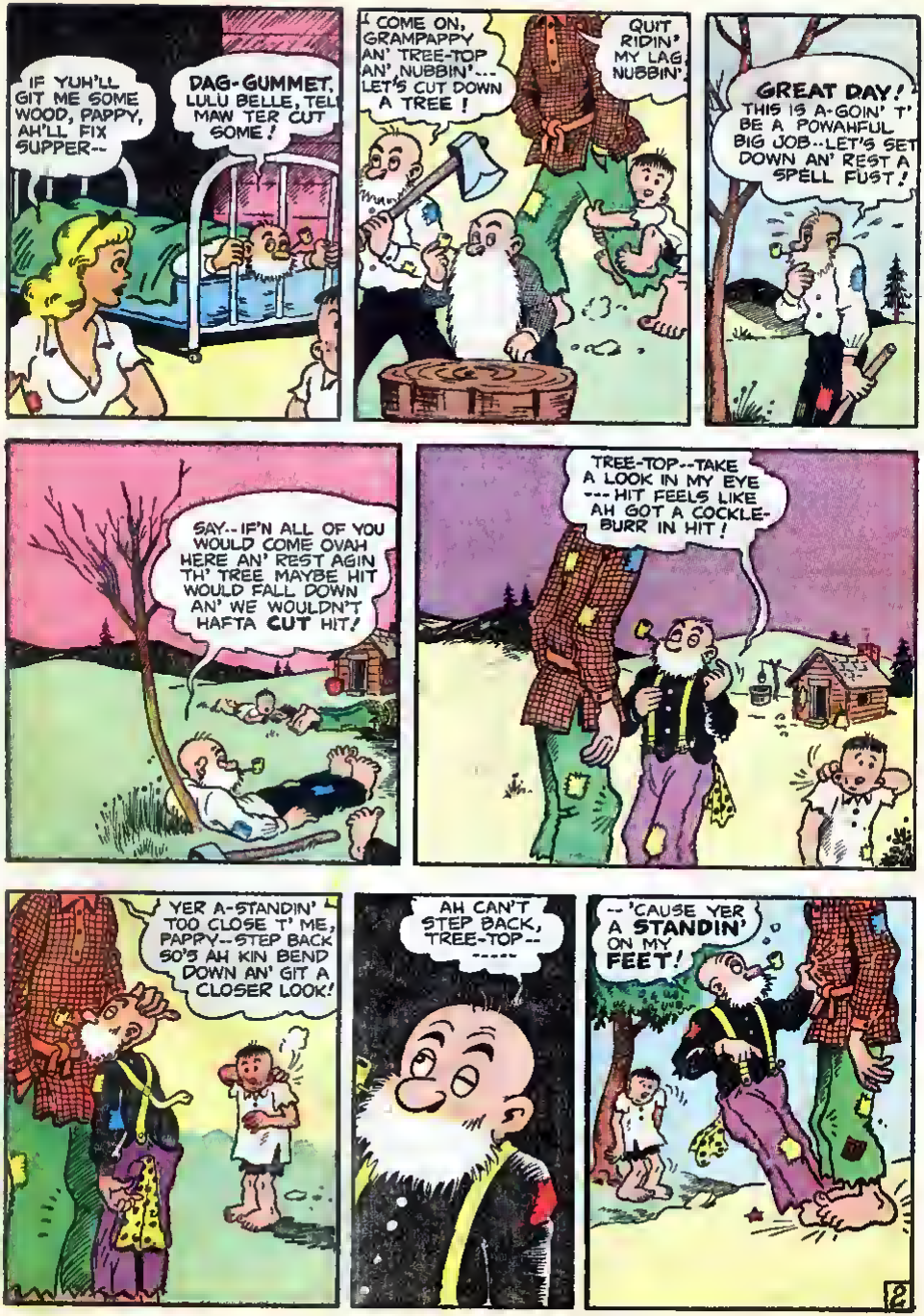

GRAMPAPPY TIMMONS, THET'S ME! AH KIN RUN FASTER, JUMP FUTHER, DIVE DEEPER AN' COME UP DRIER THEN ENYBUDDY IN POSSUM HOLLER!
AH'M TREE-TOP--TH' OLDEST BOY IN TH' TIMMONS FAMILY --'CEPTIN' PAPPY AN' GRAMPAPPY ---THEY'RE OLDER'N ME!
MY NAME'S LULU BELLE!
WHO, ME? AH'M JEST OLD MAW TIMMONS!

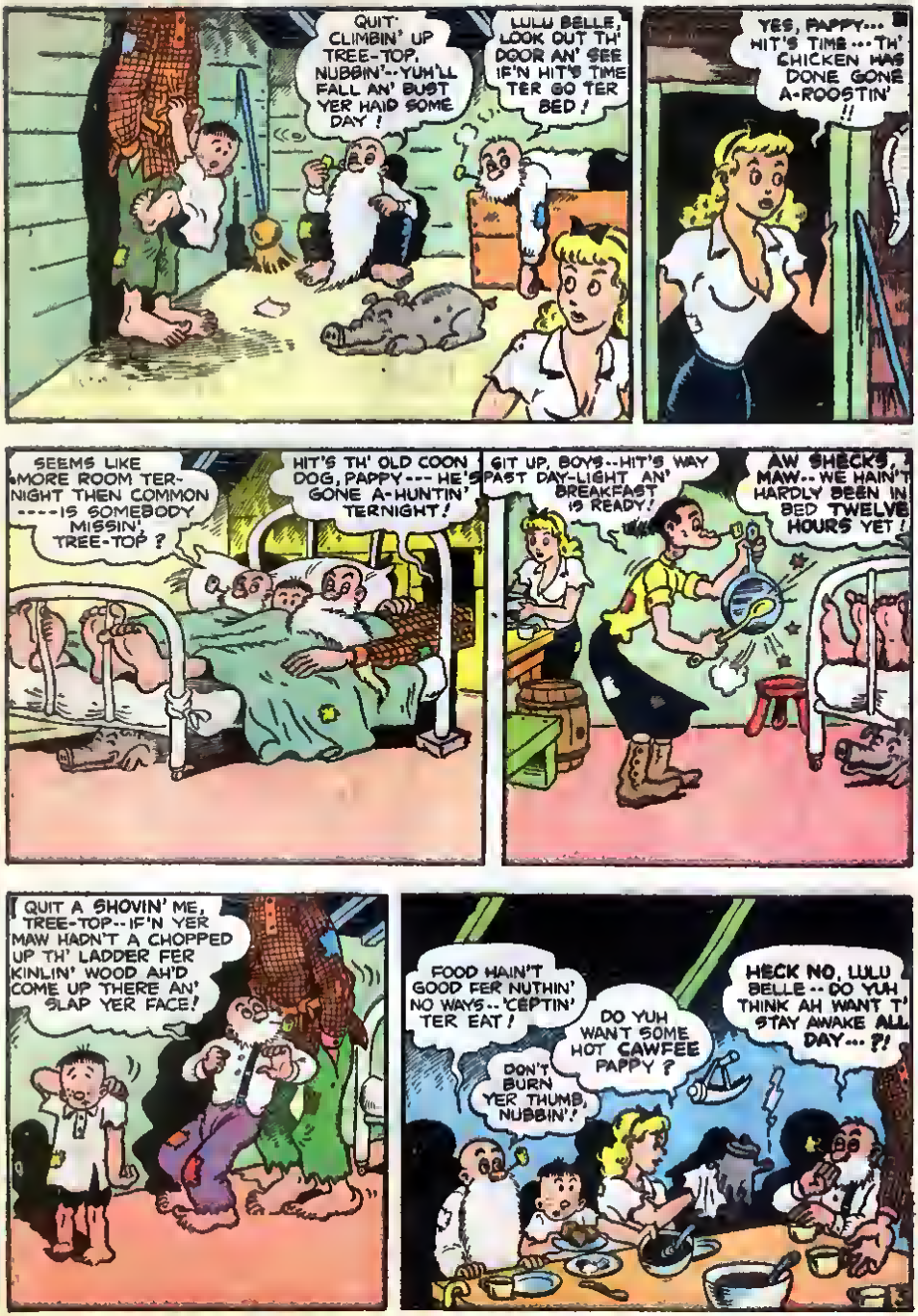




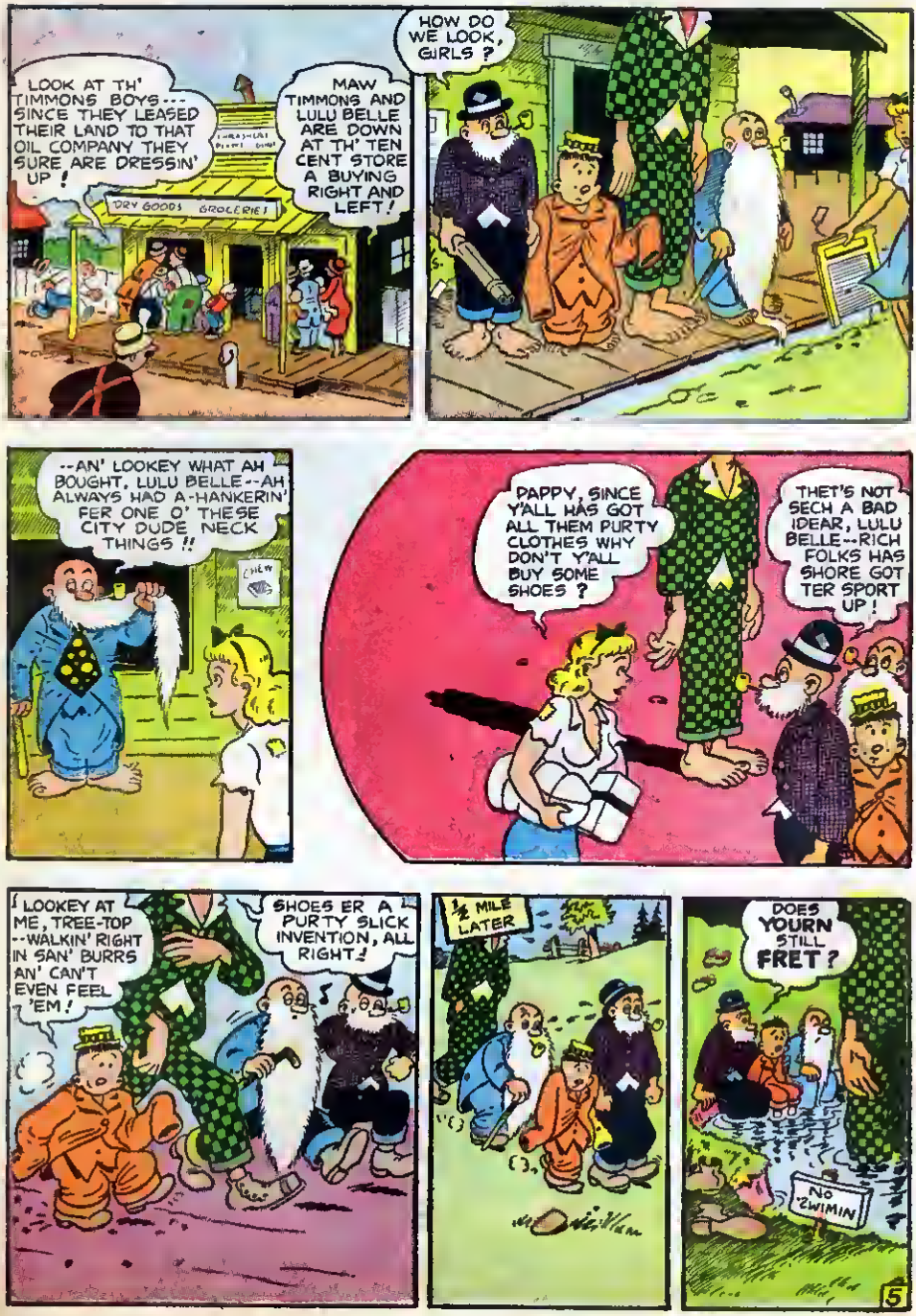



'CAUSE AH WUZ A-LAYIN' ON MY BACK!
OH, AH SEE!
HEY, TREE-TOP! WHY DON'T YUH BE OF SOME HELP T' YER MAW---LAY DOWN FLAT SO'S SHE KIN GIT IN WITH THET KINLIN' WOOD!!


IF YUH'LL GIT ME SOME WOOD, PAPPY, AH'LL FIX SUPPER--
DAG-GUMMET, LULU BELLE, TELL MAW TER CUT SOME!
I COME ON, GRAMPAPPY AN' TREE-TOP AN' NUBBIN'--- LET'S CUT DOWN A TREE!
QUIT RIDIN' MY LAG, NUBBIN'
GREAT DAY! THIS IS A-GOIN' T' BE A POWAHFUL BIG JOB--LET'S SET DOWN AN' REST A SPELL FUST!
SAY--IF'N ALL OF YOU WOULD COME OVAH HERE AN' REST AGIN TH' TREE MAYBE HIT WOULD FALL DOWN AN' WE WOULDN'T HAFTA CUT HIT!
TREE-TOP--TAKE A LOOK IN MY EYE --- HIT FEELS LIKE AH GOT A COCKLE-BURR IN HIT!
YER A-STANDIN' TOO CLOSE T' ME, PAPPY--STEP BACK SO'S AH KIN BEND DOWN AN' GIT A CLOSER LOOK!
AH CAN'T STEP BACK, TREE-TOP-- -----
-- 'CAUSE YER A STANDIN' ON MY FEET!


QUIT CLIMBIN' UP TREE-TOP, NUBBIN'--YUH'LL FALL AN' BUST YER HAID SOME DAY!
LULU BELLE, LOOK OUT TH' DOOR AN' SEE IF'N HIT'S TIME TER GO TER BED!
YES, PAPPY... HIT'S TIME... TH' CHICKEN HAS DONE GONE A-ROOSTIN'!!
SEEMS LIKE MORE ROOM TER-NIGHT THEN COMMON ----IS SOMEBODY MISSIN' TREE-TOP?
HIT'S TH' OLD COON DOG, PAPPY--- HE'S GONE A-HUNTIN' TERNIGHT!
GIT UP, BOYS--HIT'S WAY PAST DAY-LIGHT AN' BREAKFAST IS READY!
AW SHECKS, MAW--WE HAIN'T HARDLY BEEN IN BED TWELVE HOURS YET!
I QUIT A SHOVIN' ME, TREE-TOP--IF'N YER MAW HADN'T A CHOPPED UP TH' LADDER FER KINLIN' WOOD AH'D COME UP THERE AN' SLAP YER FACE!
FOOD HAIN'T GOOD FER NUTHIN' NO WAYS--'CEPTIN' TER EAT!
DON'T BURN YER THUMB, NUBBIN'!
DO YUH WANT SOME HOT CAWFEE PAPPY?
HECK NO, LULU BELLE--DO YUH THINK AH WANT T' STAY AWAKE ALL DAY...?!

PAPPY WE HAIN'T GOT A THING T' EAT IN TH' CABIN 'CEPT TATERS!
WE'LL JEST HAVE T' MAKE OUT, MAW--WE HAIN'T GOT NO MONEY NEITHER!
PAPPY, YONDER COMES A STRANGE MAN!
ARE YOU MR. TIMMONS?
AH'M HIM, STRANGER.. ---- CRAWL OVER ON TH' BED AN' MAKE YERSELF T' HOME!
MR TIMMONS, MY COMPANY WANTS TO DRILL FOR OIL ON YOUR LAND--AND I'M PREPARED TO GIVE YOU FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A DRILLING LEASE!
$5,000
THAT'S RIGHT--AND IF WE STRIKE OIL YOUR ROYALTIES WILL MAKE YOU MILLIONS.... W--WHY HE'S SOUND ASLEEP!
HE HAIN'T ASLEEP, MISTER... 'CAUSE HE HAIN'T SNORING -- HE MUSTA FAINTED!
DO YUH MEAN TER SET THERE AN' SAY YUH'LL GIVE $5,000 JEST T' LOOK FER OIL ON OUR LAND?
ABSOLUTELY! I HAVE THE CONTRACT RIGHT HERE AND---
CONTRACT
WELL NOW, MISTER--- DON'T YUH THINK FIVE THOUSAND IS---
YOU'RE RIGHT, MR TIMMONS, THAT ISN'T ENOUGH... I'LL MAKE IT $7,500
WHY, MISTER, THET'S--
OKAY! YOU WIN--- $10,000 --THAT'S THE LIMIT--SIGN ON THIS LINE!
JEST LOOKEY AT THET, MAW... $10,000... AN' ALL TH' TIME AH WUZ A-TRYIN' TER TELL HIM THET FIVE ER SIX DOLLARS WOULD BE A-PLENTY!!


LOOK AT TH' TIMMONS BOYS--- SINCE THEY LEASED THEIR LAND TO THAT OIL COMPANY THEY SURE ARE DRESSIN' UP !
MAW TIMMONS AND LULU BELLE ARE DOWN AT TH' TEN CENT STORE A BUYING RIGHT AND LEFT !
DRY GOODS GROCERIES
HOW DO WE LOOK, GIRLS ?
--AN' LOOKEY WHAT AH BOUGHT, LULU BELLE--AH ALWAYS HAD A-HANKERIN' FER ONE O' THESE CITY DUDE NECK THINGS !!
CHEW
PAPPY, SINCE Y'ALL HAS GOT ALL THEM PURTY CLOTHES WHY DON'T Y'ALL BUY SOME SHOES ?
THET'S NOT SECH A BAD IDEAR, LULU BELLE--RICH FOLKS HAS SHORE GOT TER SPORT UP !
LOOKEY AT ME, TREE-TOP --WALKIN' RIGHT IN SAN' BURRS AN' CAN'T EVEN FEEL 'EM !
SHOES ER A PURTY SLICK INVENTION, ALL RIGHT !
½ MILE LATER
DOES YOURN STILL FRET ?
NO 'WIMMIN
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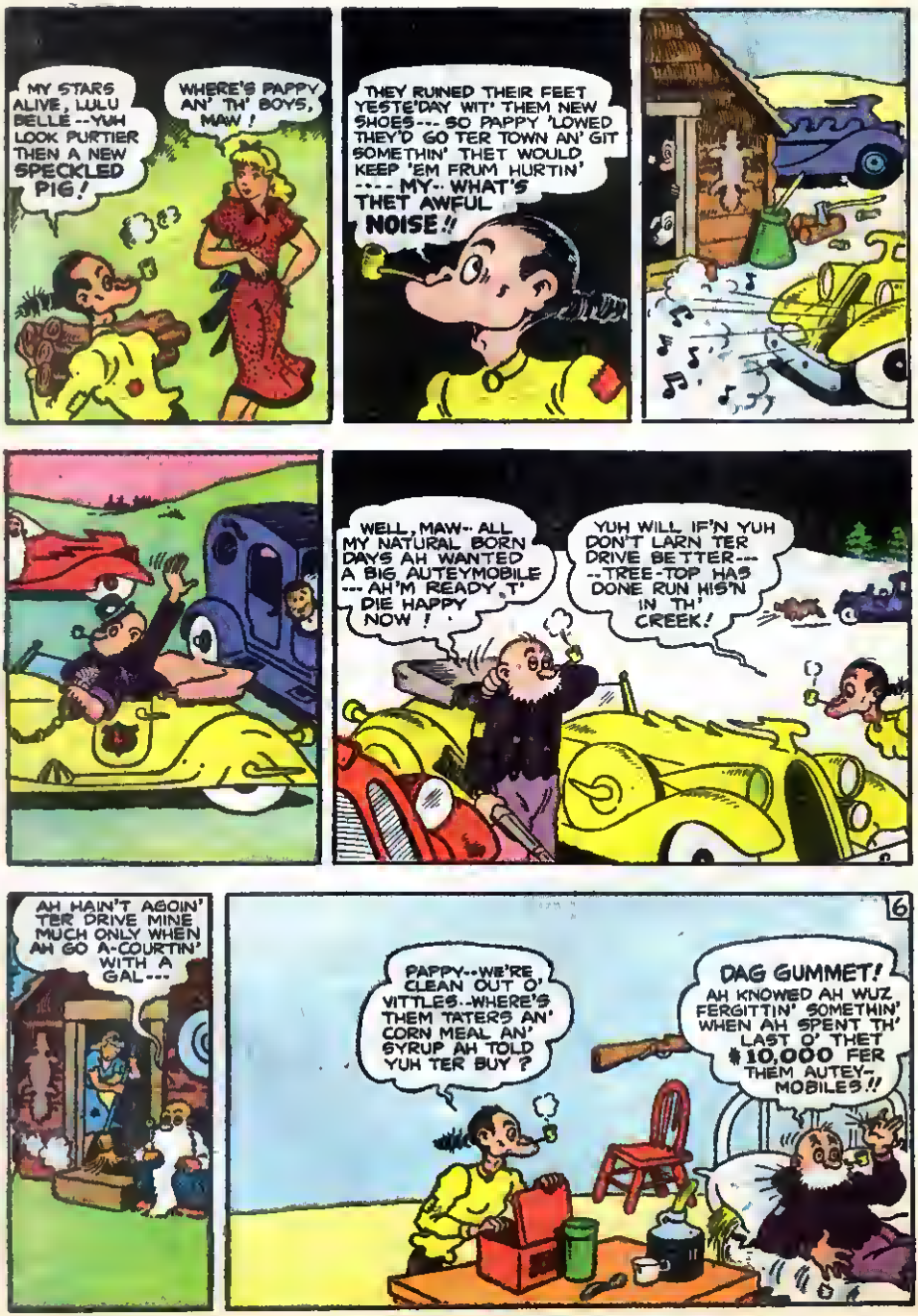
MY STARS ALIVE, LULU BELLE--YUH LOOK PURTIER THEN A NEW SPECKLED PIG!
WHERE'S PAPPY AN' TH' BOYS, MAW!
THEY RUINED THEIR FEET YESTE'DAY WIT' THEM NEW SHOES--- SO PAPPY 'LOWED THEY'D GO TER TOWN AN' GIT SOMETHIN' THET WOULD KEEP 'EM FRUM HURTIN' ---- MY-- WHAT'S THET AWFUL NOISE!!
WELL, MAW-- ALL MY NATURAL BORN DAYS AH WANTED A BIG AUTEYMOBILE --- AH'M READY T' DIE HAPPY NOW!
YUH WILL IF'N YUH DON'T LARN TER DRIVE BETTER--- --TREE-TOP HAS DONE RUN HISN IN TH' CREEK!
AH HAIN'T AGOIN' TER DRIVE MINE MUCH ONLY WHEN AH GO A-COURTIN' WITH A GAL---
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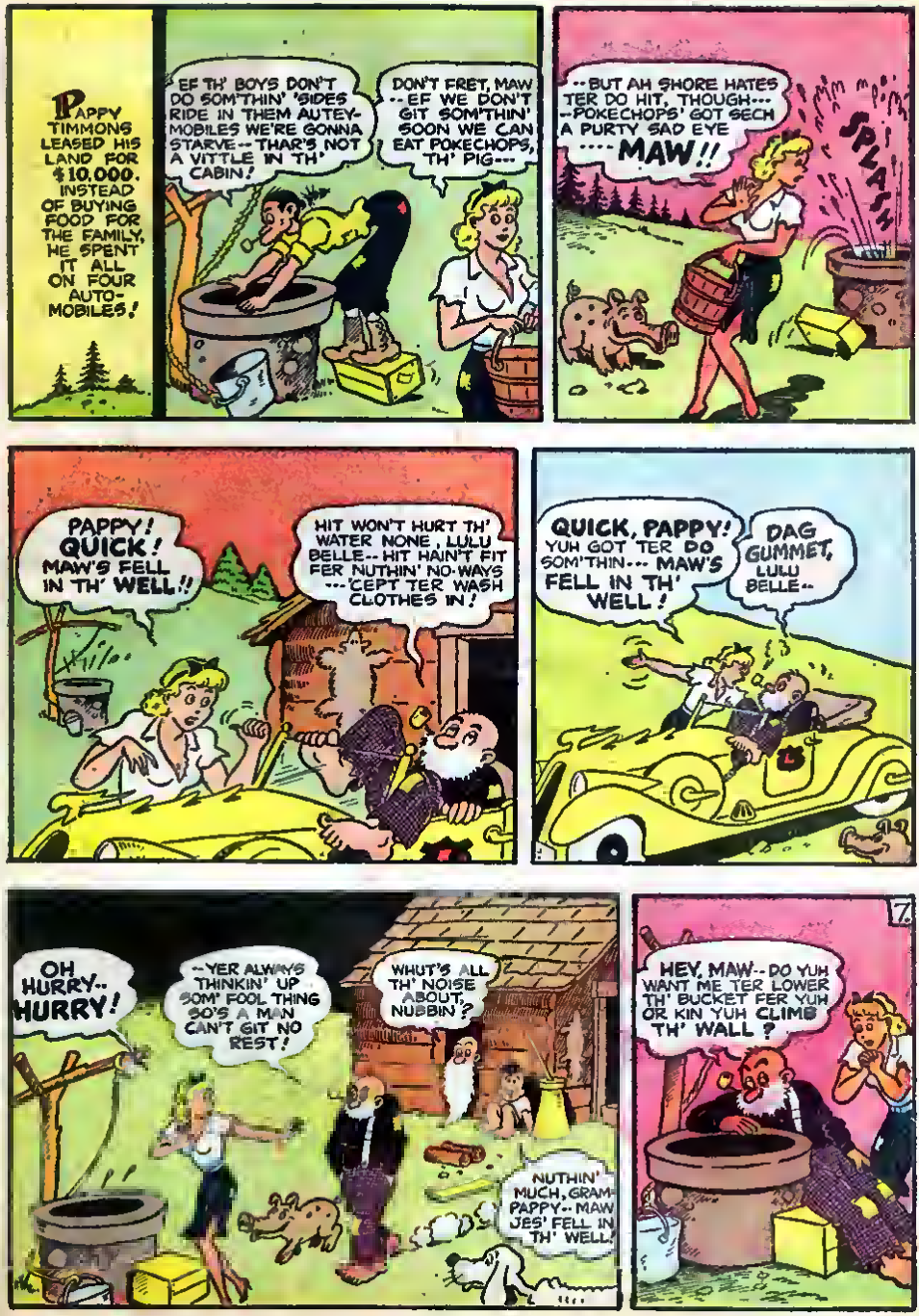
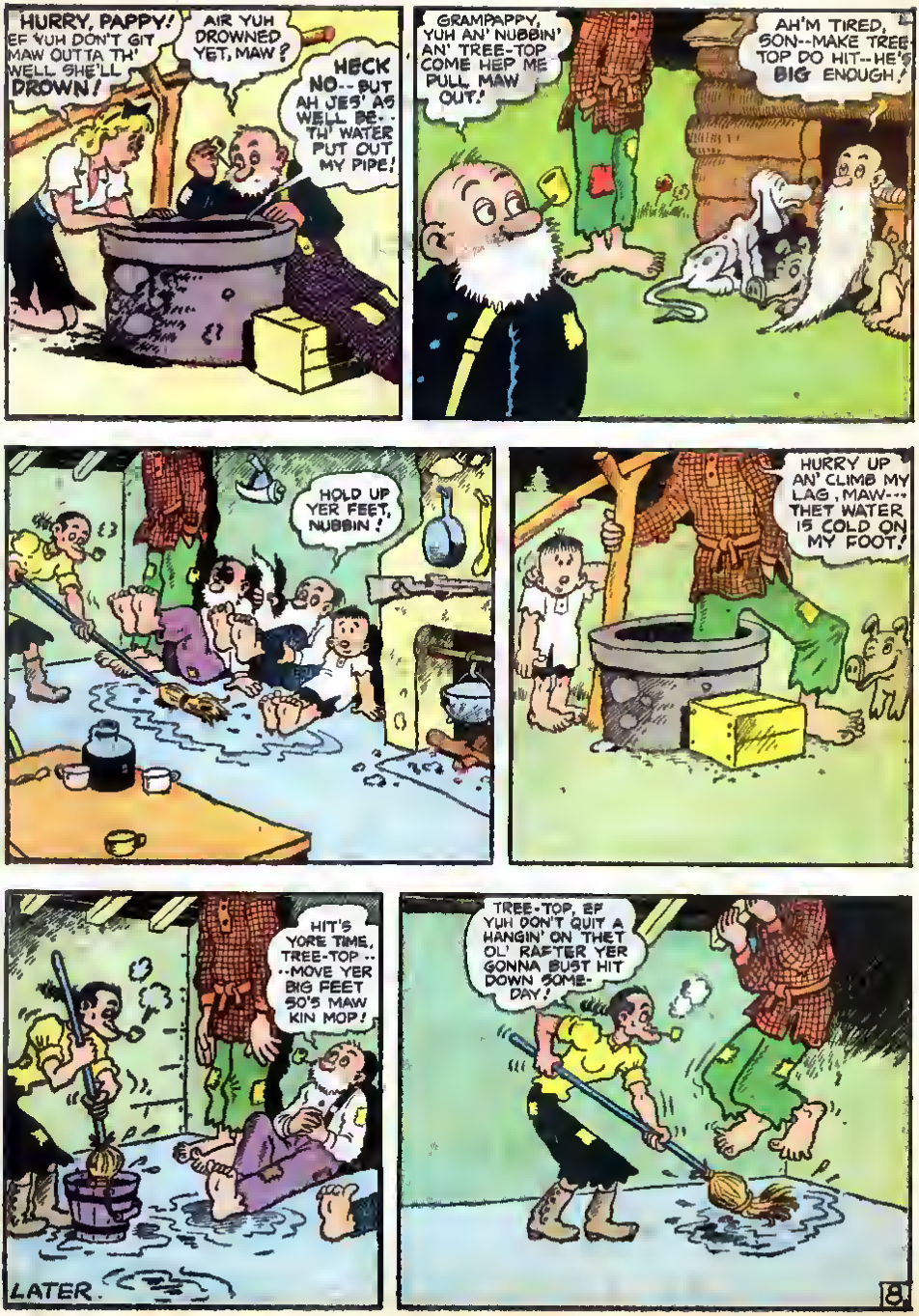
PAPPY--WE'RE CLEAN OUT O' VITTLES.-WHERE'S THEM TATERS AN' CORN MEAL AN' SYRUP AH TOLD YUH TER BUY?
DAG GUMMET! AH KNOWED AH WUZ FERGITTIN' SOMETHIN' WHEN AH SPENT TH' LAST O' THET $10,000 FER THEM AUTEY-MOBILES!!


PAPPY TIMMONS LEASED HIS LAND FOR $10,000. INSTEAD OF BUYING FOOD FOR THE FAMILY, HE SPENT IT ALL ON FOUR AUTO-MOBILES!
EF TH' BOYS DON'T DO SOM'THIN' 'SIDES RIDE IN THEM AUTEY-MOBILES WE'RE GONNA STARVE--THAR'S NOT A VITTLE IN TH' CABIN!
DON'T FRET, MAW --EF WE DON'T GIT SOM'THIN' SOON WE CAN EAT POKECHOPS, TH' PIG---
--BUT AH SHORE HATES TER DO HIT, THOUGH--- --POKECHOPS' GOT SECH A PURTY SAD EYE ----MAW!!
SPLASH
PAPPY! QUICK! MAW'S FELL IN TH' WELL!!
HIT WON'T HURT TH' WATER NONE, LULU BELLE--HIT HAIN'T FIT FER NUTHIN' NO-WAYS ---'CEPT TER WASH CLOTHES IN!
QUICK, PAPPY! YUH GOT TER DO SOM'THIN--- MAW'S FELL IN TH' WELL!
DAG GUMMET, LULU BELLE--
OH HURRY-- HURRY!
--YER ALWAYS THINKIN' UP SOM' FOOL THING SO'S A MAN CAN'T GIT NO REST!
WHUT'S ALL TH' NOISE ABOUT, NUBBIN?
NUTHIN' MUCH, GRAM-PAPPY--MAW JES' FELL IN TH' WELL!
7.
HEY, MAW--DO YUH WANT ME TER LOWER TH' BUCKET FER YUH OR KIN YUH CLIMB TH' WALL?


HURRY, PAPPY! EF YUH DON'T GIT MAW OUTTA TH' WELL SHE'LL DROWN!
AIR YUH DROWNED YET, MAW?
HECK NO--BUT AH JES' AS WELL BE-- TH' WATER PUT OUT MY PIPE!
GRAMPAPPY, YUH AN' NUBBIN' AN' TREE-TOP COME HEP ME PULL MAW OUT!
AH'M TIRED, SON--MAKE TREE-TOP DO HIT--HE'S BIG ENOUGH!
HOLD UP YER FEET, NUBBIN!
HURRY UP AN' CLIMB MY LAG, MAW--- THET WATER IS COLD ON MY FOOT!
HIT'S YORE TIME, TREE-TOP -- --MOVE YER BIG FEET SO'S MAW KIN MOP!
LATER.
TREE-TOP, EF YUH DON'T QUIT A HANGIN' ON THET OL' RAFTER YER GONNA BUST HIT DOWN SOME-DAY!
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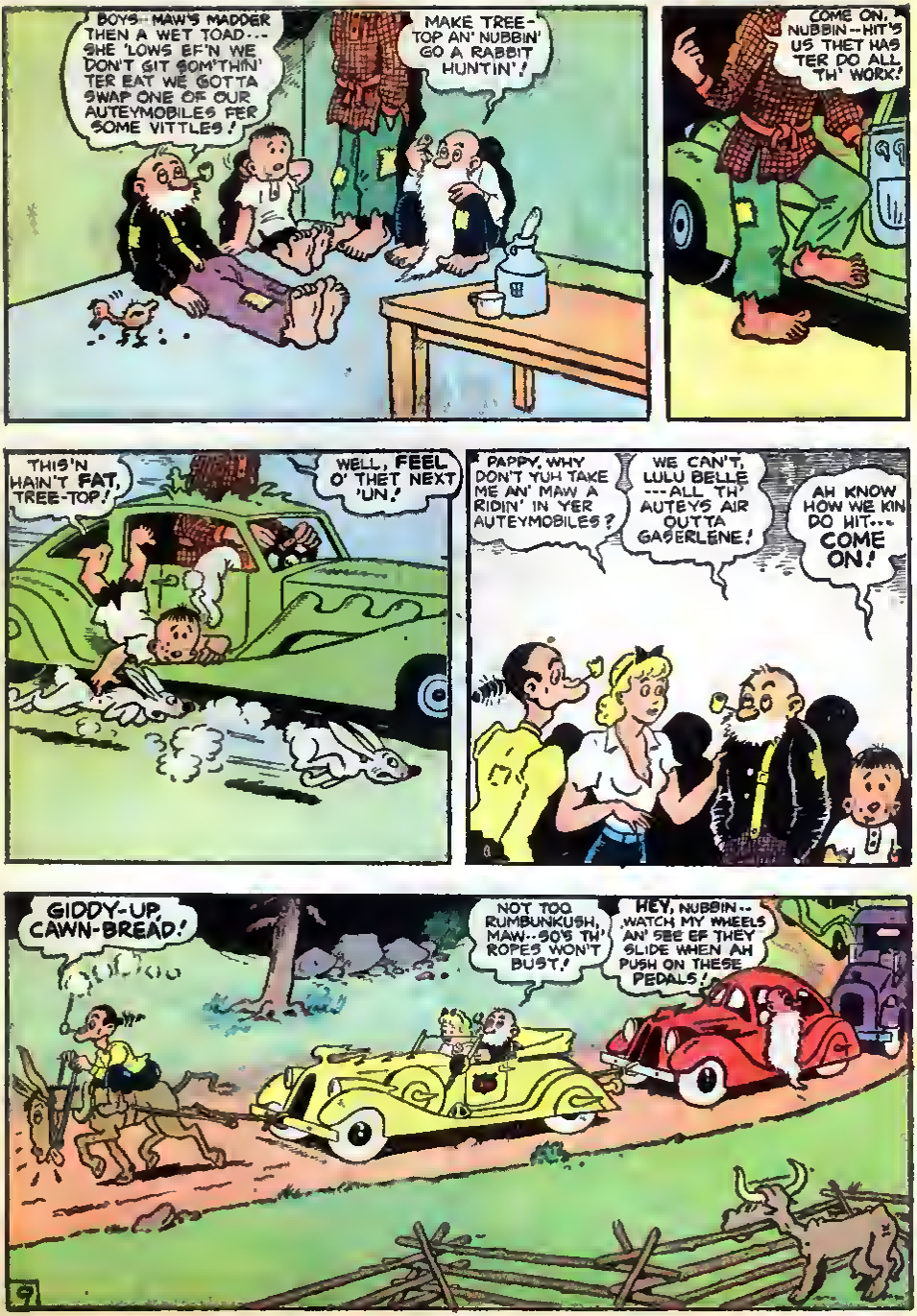
BOYS--MAW'S MADDER THEN A WET TOAD--- SHE 'LOWS EF'N WE DON'T GIT SOM'THIN' TER EAT WE GOTTA SWAP ONE OF OUR AUTEYMOBILES FER SOME VITTLES!
MAKE TREE-TOP AN' NUBBIN' GO A RABBIT HUNTIN'!
COME ON, NUBBIN--HIT'S US THET HAS TER DO ALL TH' WORK!
THIS'N HAIN'T FAT, TREE-TOP!
WELL, FEEL O' THET NEXT 'UN!
PAPPY, WHY DON'T YUH TAKE ME AN' MAW A RIDIN' IN YER AUTEYMOBILES?
WE CAN'T, LULU BELLE ---ALL TH' AUTEYS AIR OUTTA GASERLENE!
AH KNOW HOW WE KIN DO HIT... COME ON!
GIDDY-UP, CAWN-BREAD!
NOT TOO RUMBUNKUSH, MAW--SO'S TH' ROPES WON'T BUST!
HEY, NUBBIN--WATCH MY WHEELS AN' SEE EF THEY SLIDE WHEN AH PUSH ON THESE PEDALS!
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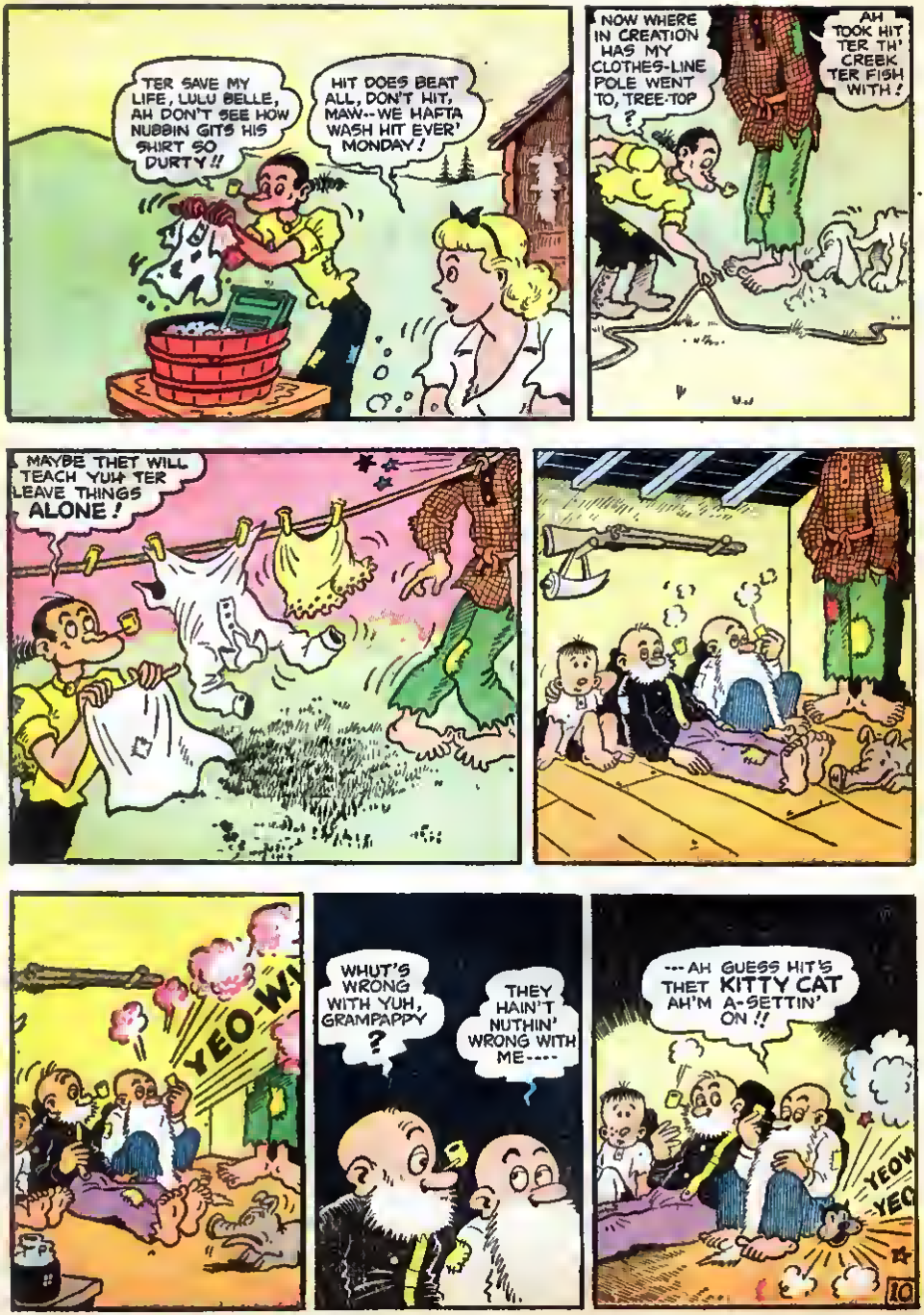
TER SAVE MY LIFE, LULU BELLE, AH DON'T SEE HOW NUBBIN GITS HIS SHIRT SO DURTY!!
HIT DOES BEAT ALL, DON'T HIT, MAW--WE HAFTA WASH HIT EVER' MONDAY!
NOW WHERE IN CREATION HAS MY CLOTHES-LINE POLE WENT TO, TREE-TOP ?
AH TOOK HIT TER TH' CREEK TER FISH WITH!
MAYBE THET WILL TEACH YUH TER LEAVE THINGS ALONE!
YEO-W
WHUT'S WRONG WITH YUH, GRAMPAPPY ?
THEY HAIN'T NUTHIN' WRONG WITH ME----
---AH GUESS HIT'S THET KITTY CAT AH'M A-SETTIN' ON!!
YEOW
YEO
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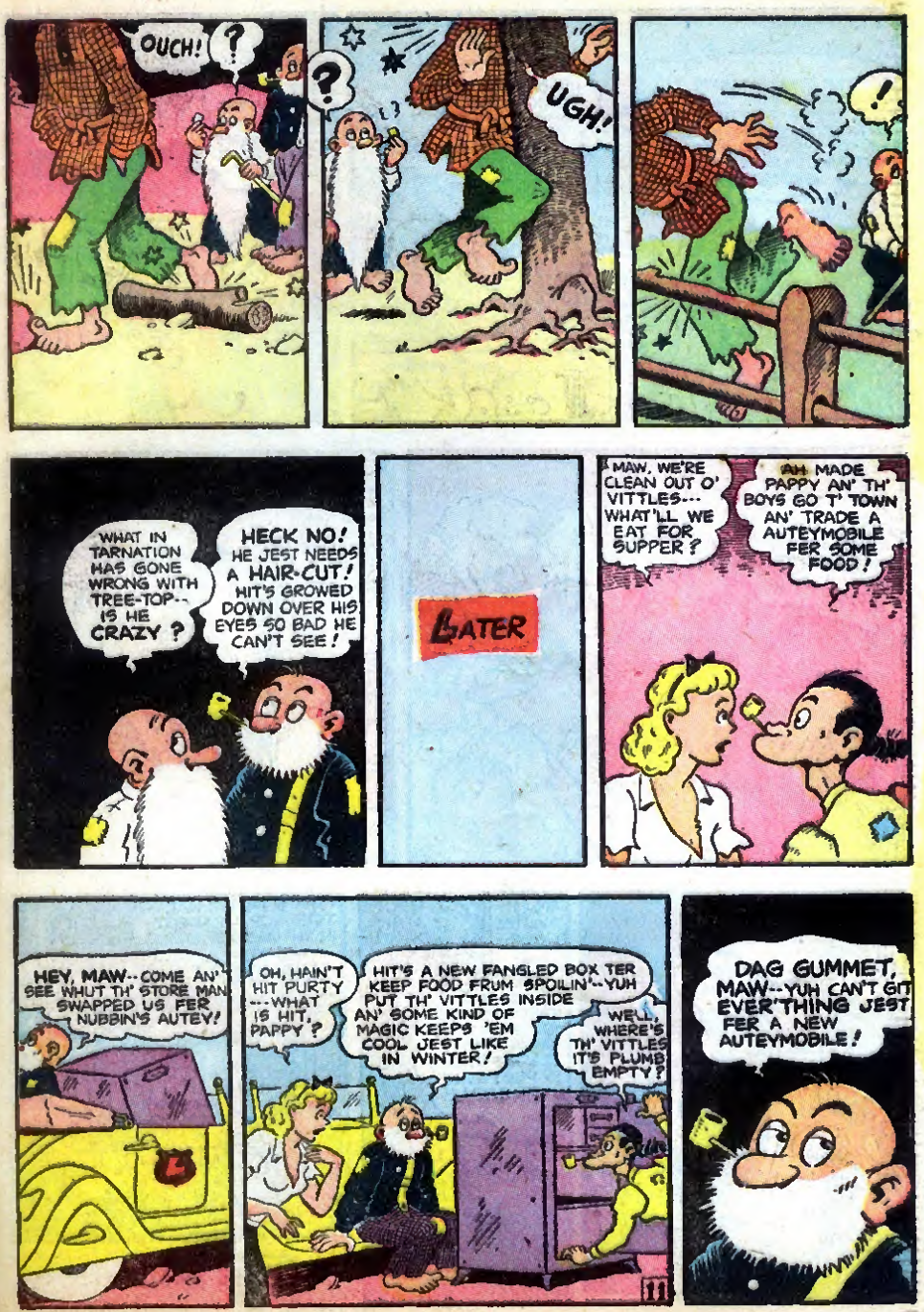
OUCH!
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UGH!
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WHAT IN TARNATION HAS GONE WRONG WITH TREE-TOP-- IS HE CRAZY ?
HECK NO! HE JEST NEEDS A HAIR-CUT! HIT'S GROWED DOWN OVER HIS EYES SO BAD HE CAN'T SEE!
LATER
MAW, WE'RE CLEAN OUT O' VITTLES--- WHAT'LL WE EAT FOR SUPPER ?
AH MADE PAPPY AN' TH' BOYS GO T' TOWN AN' TRADE A AUTEYMOBILE FER SOME FOOD!
HEY, MAW-- COME AN' SEE WHUT TH' STORE MAN SWAPPED US FER NUBBIN'S AUTEY!
OH, HAIN'T HIT PURTY ---WHAT IS HIT, PAPPY ?
HIT'S A NEW FANGLED BOX TER KEEP FOOD FRUM SPOILIN'--YUH PUT TH' VITTLES INSIDE AN' SOME KIND OF MAGIC KEEPS 'EM COOL JEST LIKE IN WINTER!
WELL, WHERE'S TH' VITTLES IT'S PLUMB EMPTY ?
DAG GUMMET, MAW--YUH CAN'T GIT EVER'THING JEST FER A NEW AUTEYMOBILE!
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MISTER TOXEY--MAW'S MADDER'N A WET TOAD! SHE WANTS SOM'THIN' TER EAT--SO AH GUESS WE'LL HAFTA SWAP YUH ANOTHER AUTEYMOBILE FER SOME GROCERIES!
THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH, MR TIMMONS--BUT BEFORE YUH START SHOPPIN' LET ME TREAT YUH TO A NICE TWO-FOR-A-NICKLE HAVANA!

HIT SHORE IS POWAHFUL PURTY, MISTER TOXEY--- BUT WHUT MIGHT HIT BE?
WHY IT'S A CIGAR--- --YOU SMOKE IT!

WELL, AH'LL SWAN--THEY HAIN'T NO TELLIN' WHUT FOLKS WILL GIT UP NEXT!

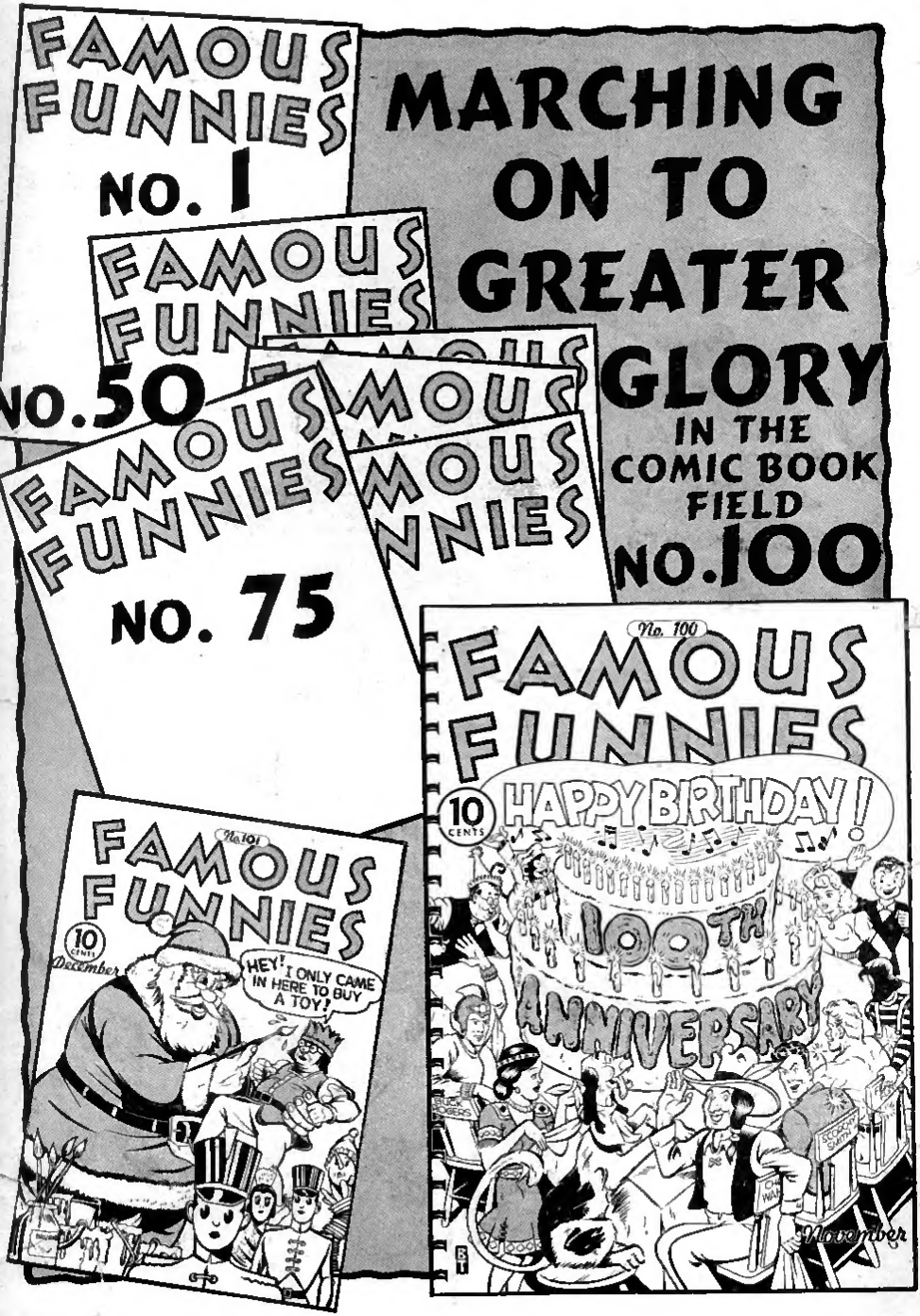
TREE-TOP, WHILE YOUR FOLKS ARE SHOPPIN' I'D LIKE TO SELL YOU A HAT ---WOULD YOU LIKE A HAT?
YESMA'M!

HERE COMES ANOTHER CUSTOMER--TH' HATS ARE OVER THERE ON TH' SHELF---GO PICK YOU OUT ONE!
YES-MA'M!

TWO MINUTES LATER--
HOW'S THIS'N, MISTER TOXEY--HIT FITS KINDA TIGHT BUT HIT SHORE IS PURTY AN' SHINEY!!

THAT'S NOT A HAT, TREE-TOP--YOU GOT IN TH' WRONG SHELF -----THAT'S A CUSPIDOR!

THE END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